Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
September 8, 2017	East Patrol Div/Industry Station	[ ]	[ ]

Incident Information

URN: 017-11113-1442-055

Date: September 8, 2017 **Time:** 0314 Hours

City or Station: Industry Station

Location: [redacted] E. Temple Ave. #[redacted] East Valinda

Nature of Incident: Deps responded to a disturbance call at a residence. The suspect fired several rounds at deps from inside the residence. One deputy returned fire. The susp surrendered. No one was injured.

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- [ ] Backyard
- [ ] Beach
- [ ] Business
- [ ] Freeway
- [ ] Industrial
- [ ] Park
- [ ] Parking Lot
- [x] Residence
- [ ] Rural
- [ ] School
- [ ] Street
- Other:

Lighting (*check only one*):
- [ ] Darkness
- [ ] Daylight
- [ ] Other
- [x] Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- [x] Clear
- [ ] Cloudy
- [ ] Fog
- [ ] Rain

Distance:

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- [ ] Accidental
- [x] Armed Person
- [ ] Fleeing Suspect
- [ ] Foot Pursuit
- [ ] Gun Take Away
- [ ] Moving Vehicle
- [ ] Sniper/Ambush
- [ ] Startle
- [ ] Struggle Involved
- [ ] Traffic Stop
- [ ] Unarmed Person
- [ ] Unintentional
- [ ] Vehicle Pursuit
- [ ] Warrant Service
- [ ] Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- [ ] Arrest Warrant
- [x] Call
- [ ] Observation
- [ ] One Person Unit
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Search Warrant
- [ ] Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- [ ] Detective
- [ ] Inmate Transport
- [ ] Other
- [x] Routine Patrol

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 3

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 5

Aero Unit? [x] Canine Unit? [ ]

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
[redacted]	Boktor	Timothy	E.	[x] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day	[x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty
[redacted]	Gorski	Brian		[x] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day	[x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty
[redacted]	Timmy	Nakamura	J.	[x] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day	[x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*)
[redacted]	Macias	Ruben	E.	[x] On Duty [ ] Present during shooting [ ] Witness to shooting [ ] Involved in shooting
				[ ] On Duty [ ] Present during shooting [ ] Witness to shooting [ ] Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Saenz	Henry	R.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Beamon	James	E.

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
09/08/17	0527	08/06/2018	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Alvarez	Irys	D.
[redacted]	Marchena	Jorge	A.
[redacted]	Burse	Michael	A.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

Code	Method	Code	Method
(AW)	Arwen	(OV)	Other Weapon: Vehicle
(BC)	Baton:(Control)	(OB)	Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(BI)	Baton:(Impact)	(OO)	Other Weapon: Other
(BF)	Bodily Fluids	(PK)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(CN)	Canine	(PS)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(CR)	Carotid Restraint	(PH)	Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(CH)	Choke Hold	(PP)	Personal Weapon (Push)
(CT)	Control Holds:(Control Techniques)	(PO)	Personal Weapon (Other)
(TT)	Control Holds:(Team Takedown)	(RS)	Resistance
(TD)	Control Holds:(Takedown)	(CN)	Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(CE)	Chemical	(RH)	Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(OC)	Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(HB)	Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TG)	Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(TP)	Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(EX)	Explosives	(RE)	Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(FH)	Firearm (Handgun)	(SP)	Sap
(FR)	Firearm (Rifle)	(SH)	Shield
(FS)	Firearm (Shotgun)	(SG)	37mm Stinger
(FO)	Firearm (Other)	(SB)	Sting Ball
(FB)	Flashbang	(ST)	Stun Bag
(FL)	Flashlight	(TR)	Taser
(OE)	Other Weapon: Edged	(UC)	Uncooperative

Type of Injury

Code	Type of Injury
(AB)	Abrasion
(BR)	Bruise
(BU)	Burn
(CP)	Complaint of Pain
(CO)	Concussion
(DH)	Death
(DI)	Dislocation
(DB)	Dog Bite
(FR)	Fractures
(GS)	Gunshot
(HB)	Human Bite
(LC)	Lacerations
(ND)	Nerve Damage
(OD)	Organ Damage
(PA)	Paralysis
(PW)	Puncture Wound
(SD)	Soft Tissue Damage
(ST)	Sprain/Twists
(UN)	Unconscious
(RM)	Refused Med Treatment
(NN)	NONE

Body Part Injured

Code	Body Part
(AD)	Abdomen
(AK)	Ankle
(AR)	Arm
(BK)	Back
(BT)	Buttocks
(CH)	Chest
(EL)	Elbow
(FA)	Face
(FE)	Feet
(FI)	Fingers
(GE)	Genitals
(GR)	Groin
(HD)	Hand
(HE)	Head
(HI)	Hip
(IN)	Internal
(KN)	Knees
(LE)	Leg
(NK)	Neck
(SH)	Shoulder
(WR)	Wrist

Brand

Code	Brand	Code	Brand	Code	Brand
(AK)	AK-47	(IV)	Iver Johnson	(RO)	Rossi
(BN)	Benelli	(JE)	Jennings	(SW)	Smith & Wesson
(BR)	Beretta	(LO)	Lorcin	(SR)	Sturm Ruger
(BW)	Browning	(LU)	Luger	(SS)	SIG Sauer
(CH)	Charter Arms	(MA)	Marlin	(ST)	Sterling
(CO)	Colt	(MO)	Mossberg	(TA)	Taurus
(DA)	Davis Industries	(NC)	NCI aka SKS	(WE)	Weatherby
(GL)	Glock	(NA)	North American	(WN)	Winchester
(HA)	Harrington & Richardson	(NO)	Norinco	(US)	US Government
(HI)	Hi Standard	(RA)	Raven	(YY)	Handmade (Inmate)
(HK)	H & K	(RM)	Remington	(XX)	Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(IT)	Ithica	(RG)	RG	(ZZ)	Other Brand
		(RI)	RGI		

Caliber

Code	Caliber	Code	Caliber	Code	Caliber
(9)	9 mm	(24)	.243 caliber	(41)	.410 guage
(10)	10 mm	(25)	.25 caliber	(44)	.44 caliber
(12)	12 guage	(30)	.308 caliber	(45)	.45 caliber
(20)	20 guage	(35)	.357 caliber	(50)	50 mm
(21)	.22-250	(36)	30-60 caliber	(SL)	Slug
(22)	.22 caliber	(38)	.38 caliber	(WW)	Other caliber
(23)	.223 caliber	(40)	.40 caliber		

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S1	W1	FH	SW	35			NN	NN
S1	E1	FH	SW	35			NN	NN
E1	S1	FH	CO	23	Y	Y	NN	NN

Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: Mendoza	First Name: Joseph	M.I.: E.
Sex: M Race: H	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: Industry Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 144F
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used: None
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: — Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6-7 hours	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 5'09"	Weight: 215		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted] Prior Shootings? ☑	Number of Prior Shootings: 2 — Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Colt	Caliber: .223	# Shots: 3	Weapons Fired Brand: — Caliber: — # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.:
Field Training Officer Emp #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]

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Employee #:	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: — Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit: Prior Shootings? ☐	Number of Prior Shootings: — Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber:	# Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand: — Caliber: — # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp #:	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
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Employee #:	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: — Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit: Prior Shootings? ☐	Number of Prior Shootings: — Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber:	# Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand: — Caliber: — # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp #:	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
Field Training Officer Emp #:	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1	Last Name: Armendariz	First Name: Ruben	M.I. R.
	AKA Last Name: Armendariz	First Name: Ruben	M.I.
Sex: M Race: H	Street Address: [redacted]	City [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone: [redacted]	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 52 D.O.B. 04-21-64	Height: 6'01" Weight: 185	FBI #	CII # [redacted]
Booking # 5094640	Primary Charge: 664/187(a) PC		Secondary Charge: 245(d)(1) PC
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used: Unk
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make: None Model:	Year: Parole: No	Probation: No	Prior Felony Conviction: No

S	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
	AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model:	Year: Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

S	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
	AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model:	Year: Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

S	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
	AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model:	Year: Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Merrick	Shawn	P.	150 N. Hudson Avenue, City of Industry	91744	626-330-3322	
Beeman	Justin		150 N. Hudson Avenue, City of Industry	91744	626-330-3322	
Benavides	Vincent		150 N. Hudson Avenue, City of Industry	91744	626-330-3322	
Rivera	Joseph	G.	150 N. Hudson Avenue, City of Industry	91744	626-330-3322	
Gamboa	Christopher		150 N. Hudson Avenue, City of Industry	91744	626-330-3322	
Graham	Kristopher	A.	150 N. Hudson Avenue, City of Industry	91744	626-330-3322	
Segura Cisneros	Juan	C.	150 N. Hudson Avenue, City of Industry	91744	626-330-3322	
Macias	Ruben	E.	150 N. Hudson Avenue, City of Industry	91744	626-330-3322	
Magana	Ernes		150 N. Hudson Avenue, City of Industry	91744	626-330-3322	
Bray	Richard		150 N. Hudson Avenue, City of Industry	91744	626-330-3322	

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: On-Duty Non-Hit Shooting

IAB FILE NUMBER: SH 2435366

URN#: 017-11113-1442-055

DATE/TIME: September 8, 2017 / 0314 Hours

LOCATION: [redacted] Temple Avenue, #[redacted]
East Valinda, CA 91744

SUMMARY

On September 8, 2017, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Michael Burse, #[redacted] Sergeant Irys Alvarez, #[redacted] and Sergeant Jorge Marchena, #[redacted] responded to Industry Station regarding and on-duty, non-hit shooting.

Lieutenant Burse confirmed the on-duty watch commander, Sergeant James Beamon, #[redacted] took reasonable steps to ensure involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. In addition, Lieutenant Burse confirmed the involved personnel gathered in the company of a supervisor until they provided a statement.

Industry Station Detectives [redacted], #[redacted] and [redacted], #[redacted], arrived and assumed control of the criminal investigation. For further information regarding the criminal shooting investigation refer to Detective [redacted]s supplemental report, recorded under URN #017-11113-1442-055 **[Exhibit A].**

SYNOPSIS

On September 8, 2017, at approximately 0314 hours, Unit 144F, Deputies Joseph Mendoza, #[redacted], and Timothy Boktor, #[redacted] responded to the Covina Hills Manufactured Home Community located at [redacted] Temple Avenue #[redacted] East Valinda, regarding a neighbor disturbance. The call indicated Suspect Armendariz saw lasers in his bedroom and living room. The call further indicated Suspect Armendariz saw his neighbor stealing plants about an hour earlier. Suspect Armendariz described the

neighbor as a Vagos member. For further information regarding the call for service, see a copy of the incident details (incident number IDT17251-0023), **[Exhibit B]**.

IAB Note: The Covina Hills Manufactured Home Community is a mobile home park located on the southeast corner of Azusa Avenue and Temple Avenue. The entrance is accessible off of Temple Avenue. Mobile home #[redacted] is located on the west side, between Avenida De Flores and a hillside leading to Azusa Avenue. For a concise description of the crime scene, refer to Scientific Services Bureau Crime Scene Investigation Report, [Exhibit C].

IAB Note: Vagos is an outlaw motorcycle gang, founded in 1965 and is known as one of the most powerful motorcycle gangs in the country.

Prior to entering the mobile home park, Deputies Mendoza and Boktor stopped at the guard shack, located at the entrance. They asked the security guard if he was aware of any problems or incidents occurring at mobile home #[redacted]. The security guard indicated the resident in mobile home #[redacted] was named "[redacted]" He was not aware of any disturbances. When asked if he was aware of any residents having motorcycles or being affiliated with the Vagos motorcycle gang, the security guard indicated a male resident living in mobile home #[redacted] had motorcycles, but he did not have any further information. Deputies Mendoza and Boktor obtained directions to Suspect Armendariz' residence and they continued into the complex.

Deputies Mendoza and Boktor drove onto Avenida De Flores, toward mobile homes #[redacted] and #[redacted]. Deputy Mendoza slowly approached mobile home #[redacted] and saw that all the lights inside and outside were off. He did not see anything of concern. Deputy Mendoza continued to drive south on Avenida De Flores. He approached mobile home #[redacted], but continued to drive south to pass it. Further up the street, away from mobile home #[redacted] Deputy Mendoza negotiated a U-turn and drove back on Avenida De Flores, toward Suspect Armendariz' home. Deputy Mendoza stopped on Avenida De Flores, positioning his patrol vehicle next to mobile home #[redacted].

IAB Note: Mobile home #[redacted] is to the north of Suspect Armendariz' home. It backs into Suspect Armendariz' carport and front porch area. For further, refer to the crime scene sketch [Exhibit C].

Deputy Mendoza parked the patrol vehicle, facing north, near the southeast corner of mobile home #[redacted]. Deputies Mendoza and Boktor exited their vehicle and walked toward Suspect Armendariz' home. Deputy Mendoza stood in between the vehicles parked in Suspect Armendariz' carport. Deputy Boktor walked to the front porch. Deputy Boktor approached the front door and knocked on the metal security door using his flashlight. As he stood, Deputy Boktor bladed his body perpendicular to the door. No one answered. Deputy Boktor proceeded to knock on the door two additional times

and no one answered. Prior to leaving the front porch, Deputy Boktor knocked one last time. As soon as Deputy Boktor pulled his arm away from the door frame, he heard a gunshot from inside Suspect Armendariz' home. Realizing the gunshot was in close proximity from where he was standing, Deputy Boktor tactically retreated away from the front door, toward the carport. In order to remove himself from harm, Deputy Boktor ran past a sliding glass door, at which time he heard a second gunshot and glass breaking directly behind him.

Fearing for his safety, Deputy Boktor unholstered his Department issued weapon, and continued moving away from the front porch. Deputy Boktor safely retreated to the carport area. He took cover behind a parked vehicle, which Deputy Mendoza was also using as cover. While taking cover behind that vehicle, they heard a third gunshot.

In an attempt to create distance, Deputies Mendoza and Boktor tactically retreated to their patrol vehicle. They took cover by the rear passenger side wheel well and kept a visual on Suspect Armendariz' home. While taking cover, Deputy Mendoza transmitted emergent radio traffic indicating someone inside mobile home #[redacted] was shooting at him and Deputy Boktor from a window. Deputy Mendoza directed the assisting units to his location and containment was established.

IAB Note: During the emergent radio traffic transmission, Deputy Mendoza indicated Suspect Armendariz was shooting at him and his partner from a window. Later, after the situation was deemed safe, Deputy Mendoza realized that the location Suspect Armendariz shot from was a sliding glass door.

Deputy Mendoza remained behind cover, pending the arrival of additional units and maintained a visual of Suspect Armendariz' home. In the meantime, Deputy Boktor retrieved the AR-15 rifle from the gun rack, located between the front driver and passenger seats of their vehicle. He handed the rifle to Deputy Mendoza.

Approximately six minutes later, Deputy Mendoza heard another gunshot and saw a muzzle flash from inside Suspect Armendariz' sliding glass door. Fearing for his safety and that of his partner, Deputy Mendoza fired two rounds from his Department issued AR-15 rifle, into mobile home #[redacted] directly where he observed the muzzle flash.

After returning fire at the threat, Deputy Mendoza believed Suspect Armendariz knew his, and his partner's, exact location. Therefore, Deputy Mendoza instructed Deputy Boktor to relocate to the front of their patrol vehicle.

Deputies Mendoza and Boktor concurrently moved away from the rear of the patrol vehicle in separate directions. Deputy Boktor ran north, toward the front of the patrol vehicle, and he entered the driver's seat. Deputy Boktor then moved the patrol vehicle forward, two to four feet to the north. After placing the vehicle in park, he exited and returned to the rear passenger side wheel well. Deputy Boktor realized he had moved

the patrol vehicle to the point where he no longer had a visual of the front of Suspect Armendariz' home.

Deputy Mendoza swiftly moved, approximately ten feet to the east, and took cover behind a black BMW parked in the carport of mobile home #[redacted] Deputy Mendoza positioned himself near the rear passenger wheel well of the BMW and pointed the AR-15 rifle in the direction of Suspect Armendariz' home.

> **IAB Note:** **Mobile home #[redacted] is located to the east of mobile home #[redacted]. For further, refer to the crime scene sketch [Exhibit C].**

As the situation was unfolding, additional units arrived on scene. Deputy Boktor moved to the north, away from his patrol vehicle, out of the line of fire, where he joined assisting deputies. Deputy Boktor then assisted with evacuations of nearby homes.

Approximately thirty seconds after Deputy Mendoza first returned fire, Suspect Armendariz fired another round. Deputy Mendoza, who maintained his cover behind the BMW, again saw a muzzle flash behind the sliding glass door and he fired one round from his AR-15 rifle. Deputy Mendoza shot into mobile home #[redacted] directly where he observed the muzzle flash.

Approximately ten minutes past after Deputy Mendoza fired the second time, during which time call outs were made into the location for the occupants to exit with their hands up, Suspect Armendariz and his [redacted], including two young [redacted], exited the home. They were detained without incident.

Deputy personnel continued evacuating nearby residents as they had initially received information that two men had been shot by Suspect Armendariz. Department personnel completed evacuations of nearby residents and formulated a plan to conduct a protective sweep of Suspect Armendariz' home. Deputy Personnel concluded the protective sweep and they also searched the front porch and surrounding area. No other suspect nor gunshot victims were discovered, and the incident was deemed safe.

During the protective sweep, deputy personnel located several pieces of evidence in plain view, including a disassembled shotgun. The barrel of the shotgun was located in the living room. Additional shotgun parts and ammunition were located in Suspect Armendariz' bathroom, inside an unlocked safe. Outside Suspect Armendariz' home, a revolver was found lying on the front porch. For further description regarding the evidence collected, refer to **[Exhibit C].**

Suspect Armendariz' [redacted], [redacted] hereafter referred to as Witness [redacted]; their [redacted] [redacted] hereafter referred to as Witness [redacted] and [redacted] hereafter referred to as Witness [redacted], were transported to Industry Station. Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted]s two [redacted] ([redacted], F/H, DOB [redacted] and [redacted] M/H, DOB [redacted]) exited with the [redacted].

Suspect Armendariz was arrested for Attempt Murder of a Peace Officer, Penal Code section 664/187. He was transported and booked at Industry Station. The day of the incident, Judge Stacey Wiese, West Covina Superior Court, signed an arrest warrant to obtain blood from Suspect Armendariz. Suspect Armendariz was transported by Deputies Jennifer Pederson, #[redacted] and Jose Saldivar, #[redacted] to Kaiser Hospital, Baldwin Park. For further see their supplemental reports **[Exhibit A]**.

Industry Station personnel canvassed the area for potential witnesses. Witnesses who lived close to Suspect Armendariz' home were identified and interviewed. For detailed information regarding their statements, refer to the supplemental reports attached to the criminal report recorded under URN #017-11113-1142-055 **[Exhibit A]**.

On September 12, 2017, Suspect Armendariz was charged with one count of Attempt Murder of a Peace Officer, Penal Code section 664/187; and two counts of Assault with a Firearm Upon a Peace Officer, Penal Code section 245(d)(1). Refer to the District Attorney's charge evaluation sheet **[Exhibit D]**.

Suspect Armendariz and his [redacted] Witness [redacted] made multiple phone calls via the 9-1-1 Emergency System. For further details on the calls, refer to page 8 of this summary and **[Exhibit E]**.

At approximately 0314 hours, during the fourth call, Witness [redacted] advised LET Wang-Gonzales that someone was trying to get into her home. Within seconds, Witness [redacted] said gunshots were fired and informed LET Wang-Gonzales Suspect Armendariz shot two people in front of their home. Witness [redacted] asked LET Wang-Gonzales if she could hear the gunshots in the background. LET Wang-Gonzales indicated she did.

LET Wang-Gonzales remained on the line with Witness [redacted] and told her deputies were outside of her home. Later during the conversation, LET Wang-Gonzales instructed Witness [redacted] to have Suspect Armendariz throw his gun outside the window. She further instructed Witness [redacted] for her, Suspect Armendariz and her [redacted] members to exit the home with their hands up and surrender to deputy personnel, which they did.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

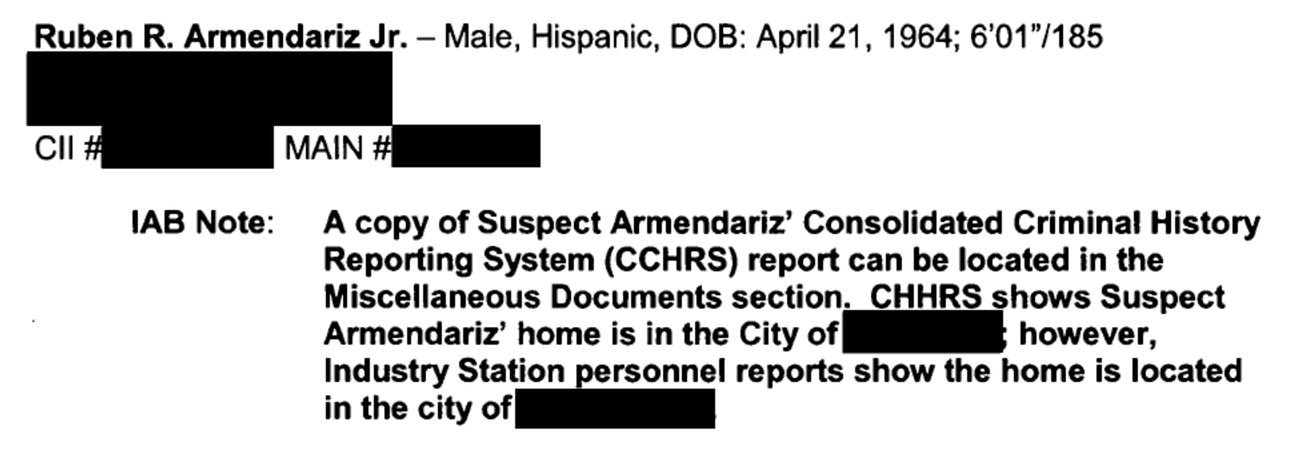
Joseph Mendoza, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
East Patrol Division
Industry Station

Date of Employment:	August 4, 2004
Date Assigned to Patrol/Norwalk Station:	[redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting incident(s):	2
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

On September 8, 2017, Deputy Mendoza was wearing a Class "A" uniform including a "Sam Browne" duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: Two sets of handcuffs, Oleoresin Capsicum (O.C.) spray, duty weapon (.45 mm Heckler & Koch USP), two fully loaded magazines, handheld radio, keys, back-up firearm (.38 caliber, Smith & Wesson, Air Weight), and a collapsible baton. Deputy Mendoza did not have a Taser assigned to him.

SUSPECT INFORMATION



Ruben R. Armendariz Jr. – Male, Hispanic, DOB: April 21, 1964; 6'01"/185 [redacted]

CII # [redacted] MAIN # [redacted]

IAB Note: **A copy of Suspect Armendariz' Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) report can be located in the Miscellaneous Documents section. CHHRS shows Suspect Armendariz' home is in the City of [redacted]; however, Industry Station personnel reports show the home is located in the city of [redacted].**

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Armendariz did not sustain any injuries as a result of this incident.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

Deputy Mendoza did not sustain any injuries. Deputy Graham sustained abrasions and bruises to his left arm and right wrist when he fell as a result of the entry steps collapsing as he approached the location to make entry.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

At the request of Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] Forensic Identification Specialists Gloria Aldaba, # [redacted] Mira Amin, # [redacted], and Patricia Levin, # [redacted] from the Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau were present. For descriptions of evidence, evidence location and collection, refer to **[Exhibit C]**.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Alvarez and Marchena responded to the scene on September 8, 2017, at approximately 0527 hours. Escorted by Industry Station personnel in charge of the investigation, Sergeants Alvarez and Marchena walked the crime scene to become familiar with the area where the incident occurred, including the

involved deputies' tactical positions. On June 6, 2018, Sergeant Alvarez and Sergeant Thomas Arellano, #[redacted] reassessed the scene.

The photographs, sketches and description of the scene were consistent with the IAB investigator's observations. For further see the Crime Scene Investigation Reports **[Exhibits C and F]**.

Included with this IAB case book is a compact disc (CD) containing photographs of the crime scene, provided by Scientific Services Bureau **[Exhibit G].**

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY MENDOZA

Deputy Mendoza fired three rounds of Department issued .223 mm caliber ammunition from his Department issued AR-15 Colt M4LE rifle, serial #[redacted]. The firearm was examined and found to be functional **[Exhibit F].**

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon:

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT ARMENDARIZ

Suspect Armendariz fired five rounds from a Smith & Wesson, .357 Magnum, model 686, double action revolver, serial #[redacted]. One live round was located inside the cylinder. Collected from inside his home was a Remington, Sportsman 12 Pump Magnum, 12 Gauge pump action shotgun, serial #[redacted] without a barrel or magazine tube cap. The barrel was separately located within the home. Both weapons were test fired and determined to be functional. Additional ammunition and weapons were recovered. Refer to Scientific Services Bureau Laboratory Examination Report **[Exhibit F]**.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Senior Criminalist Amanda R. Davis, #[redacted] documented the property damage located in Suspect Armendariz' home, trailer #[redacted]. For further description regarding the bullet-related damage, ARD-B through ARD-K and ARD-O, see Scientific Services Bureau Crime Scene Investigative Report **[Exhibit C].**

Bullet related damage to trailer #[redacted], which sets directly north of trailer #[redacted], was identified in the same report. For further information regarding the identified bullet related damage to trailer #[redacted] see ARD-L through ARD-N within the Scientific Services Bureau Crime Scene Investigation Report **[Exhibit C].**

A defect was identified (ARD-A) in the right side of the rear bumper of a black BMW 328I, CA License plate number [redacted]. The damage was not consistent with bullet related damage and its origin was not determined. For further, see Scientific Services Bureau Crime Scene Investigation Report **[Exhibit C].**

Furthermore, the housing and bulb of a light post on trailer #[redacted] was broken. The damage was not consistent with bullet related damage. The damage was caused by Deputy Mendoza, who intentionally struck the light with his collapsible baton. For further, see Scientific Services Bureau Crime Scene Investigation Report **[Exhibit C].**

Additional photographs were provided and marked accordingly by Scientific Services Bureau **[Exhibit G].**

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The weather was clear and warm. The lighting was provided by natural light and light posts located outside the each mobile home.

9-1-1 CALLS AND RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

IAB Note: **All 9-1-1 recordings, were provided by Industry Station personnel. Every time a new 9-1-1 call is answered, Department personnel are required to answer, "9-1-1. What is your emergency?" Therefore, it is presumed that any of the calls submitted with this case without the introductory statement are a continuation of the last call. Refer to a copy of the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures (MPP) 3-07/090.15, located in the Miscellaneous Documents section.**

All 9-1-1 recordings were transcribed and included with this case. To hear the 9-1-1 recordings, refer to [Exhibit D]. The transcribed copy was included in the Transcripts section.

Below is a brief synopsis of Suspect Armendariz and Witness [redacted] 9-1-1 phone calls:

1st Call – phone: @ 0213 hrs (Duration—3:56) Suspect Armendariz said he saw lasers going through his window and later said they were "guns."

2nd Call – **phone 1: @ 0219 hours (Duration—5:38)** Suspect Armendariz said someone was trying to get into his house; Witness [redacted] requested deputies respond to her location ****Phone connection was lost****

3rd Call – phone 2: @ 0220 hours (Duration—3:29) Witness [redacted] said Suspect Armendariz saw the lasers but "they don't know where they are at." Witness [redacted] was placed on hold; **Call continuation - Phone 3 @ 0233 hours (Duration—0:48)** LET Wang-Gonzales picked up the line and asked if they know the neighbor's name; **Call continuation - Phone 4 @ 0238 hours (Duration—1:28)** LET Wang-Gonzales asked her if she could still see the lasers, and asked Witness [redacted] if she wanted LET Wang-Gonzales to stay on the line until deputies arrived at her home (Witness [redacted] was placed on hold). **Call continuation – Phone 5 @ 0242 hours**

(Duration—5:59) LET Wang-Gonzales informed Witness [redacted] deputies were on their way. Witness [redacted] said her neighbor was from the "Vagos" motorcycle gang, and he was standing outside Suspect Armendariz' truck. Witness [redacted] told LET Wang-Gonzales to tell the deputies to respond quickly; (Call was placed on hold. LET Wang-Gonzales answered a different line unrelated to this incident). **Call continuation – Phone 6 @ 0301 hours (Duration—1:19)** LET Wang-Gonzales advised asked Witness [redacted] if she could still see the lasers. Witness [redacted] said she couldn't because she was hiding in the bathroom; LET Wang-Gonzales informed Witness [redacted] the deputies were going to her home (Communication ended).

4th Call – Phone 7 @ 0314 hours (Duration: 3:37) Witness [redacted] reported the following to LET Wang-Gonzales: someone was trying to get into her home (a popping sound was heard in the background); Suspect Armendariz was heard in the background, "Shots fired!"; Witness [redacted] said, "Shots fired! My [redacted] fired it!" A male voice again said, "Shots Fired!"; She asked LET Wang-Gonzales if she could hear the shots who advised "One second. Yeah."; Witness [redacted] said, "Two shots." LET Wang-Gonzales asked the caller to confirm the address; Witness [redacted] said, "Two down" (A popping sound was heard in the background); Witness [redacted] said, "Again!"; (Deputy Mendoza was heard in the background transmitting emergent radio traffic.); Witness [redacted] asked LET Wang-Gonzales to please tell deputies to "hurry."; LET Wang-Gonzales informed Witness [redacted] the deputies were already at her location; (LET Wang-Gonzales exchanged information with someone in dispatch); A popping sound was heard; (LET Wang-Gonzales placed Witness [redacted] on hold); Witness [redacted] informed LET Wang-Gonzales men were banging on her door. She later informed LET Wang-Gonzales Suspect Armendariz shot two people; LET Wang-Gonzales said, "One second" (The line went mute.)

Call Continuation – Phone 8 @0317 hours (Duration 14:52) LET Wang-Gonzales picked up a phone line and called Los Angeles County Fire and asked them to stage at the mobile home park; An unidentified female voice in dispatch asked if a deputy was injured; LET Wang-Gonzales picked up Witness [redacted] line and asked her to confirm how many people were injured; (Two popping sounds were heard, with a lull in between.); LET Wang-Gonzales asked if her [redacted] was shooting. Witness [redacted] said, "They are shooting back at us"; Witness [redacted] asked LET Wang-Gonzales to please tell the deputies to hurry. LET Wang-Gonzalez informed Witness [redacted] the deputies were already outside her home; (An unidentified male voice heard in the background instructed LET Wang-Gonzales to tell Suspect Armendariz to put the gun down.); LET Wang-Gonzales temporarily placed Witness [redacted] on hold. She answered two different lines and quickly placed the lines on hold). LET Wang-Gonzales picked up Witness [redacted] line. Witness [redacted] did not respond but arguing was heard in the background; Suspect Armendariz picked up the line, and LET Wang-Gonzales instructed him to throw the gun out the window;

Suspect Armendariz said there were two people injured inside the home; An unidentified male voice picked up the line and started giving Suspect Armendariz instructions to exit the home with their hands up; (Communication was lost); LET Wang-Gonzales took over the line and did not receive a response.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

The below information is a synopsis of the radio transmissions. A CD containing all radio transmissions **[Exhibit H]** was submitted with this case.

DISPATCH CHANNEL

0314 hours – Deputy Mendoza transmitted emergent radio traffic of someone shooting at him and his partner. He added that the Suspect was inside the trailer shooting at them through a window.

0315 hours – SCC asked for a response route for responding units.

- Deputy Mendoza directed assisting patrol units to his location.
- Units started coordinating the call and containment was started.

0316 hours – Deputy Mendoza requested a unit to stop at the guard shack and obtain additional information regarding unit #[redacted]

- SCC asked if all deputies were accounted for. Deputy Mendoza confirmed all deputies were accounted for and directed them to his location.
- SCC stated Aero was down but monitoring the situation.

0317 hours – Resources are coordinated.

- Units 147B and 142K1 arrived on scene.
- SCC directed a unit to stop at the guard shack.
- 140S arrived on scene.
- SCC advised Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) was notified.

0318 hours – SCC asked if the person shooting was the informant ([redacted]) in the call.

- Dep Mendoza said he did not know and asked Industry Station dispatch personnel (140D) if the person whom they earlier said was "918" was the same person from the original call.

IAB Note: Radio code "918" (Insane Person) is used by Department personnel to indicate a person may be "mentally ill."

0319 hours – Deputy Mendoza provided assisting units a full description of Suspect Armendariz' home.

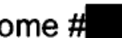
0320 hours – SCC informed field units Suspect Armendariz shot two people. Concurrently, Deputy Mendoza broadcasted Suspect Armendariz fired at deputy personnel.

- Deputy Mendoza voiced "998" over the radio and stated he shot two rounds through the window.
- SCC asked if all deputies were accounted for, and if anyone was injured.
- Seconds later, an unknown unit and Deputy Mendoza said the suspect shot another round.
- Deputy Mendoza said he shot a round through the window the suspect was shooting from.

IAB Note: **"998" (Deputy Involved in Shooting) is a radio code used by Department personnel to alert Department units of a Deputy Involved Shooting.**

0321 hours – Dep Mendoza corrected the direction the shots were being fired from.

- 140S asked Deputy Mendoza for his location.
- Deputy Mendoza directed 140S to his location.
- SCC voiced Suspect Armendariz shot two people and two possible gunshot victims (GSVs) were down at the location.
- Deputy Mendoza said he had a view of the location and could not see any GSVs.

0322-0324 hours – Deputy Mendoza stated deputies would check mobile home #[redacted] 

- SCC asked the SEB desk if they were monitoring.
- Unknown unit asked for the Departments airship estimated time of arrival.
- Deputy Mendoza asked 140D to instruct Suspect Armendariz to throw the weapon outside the window.
- Deputy Mendoza asked the Watch Commander (Sergeant Beamon) to request the Department's Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT).
- SCC stated LASD Aero was launching from Long Beach.
- Deputy Mendoza stated field units were making contact with and evacuating the residents from mobile home #[redacted] Deputy Mendoza later stated no GSVs were located.

IAB Note: **Unit #[redacted] is to the south of Suspect Armendariz' home. Unit #[redacted] is to the north, directly in front of Suspect Armendariz' home.**

0325 hours – SCC voiced Aero was ten to fifteen minutes out.

0326 hours – SCC advised Deputy Mendoza the desk was on the line with Suspect Armendariz.

- Deputy Mendoza requested a workup and asked 140D to instruct the suspect to throw the gun out the window.

- 140S advised two houses adjacent to the target location were evacuated and further evacuations were underway.

0327 hours – Containment efforts continue and a command post (CP) was established.

0328-0330 hours – 140S instructed additional units to post at the CP.
- SCC advised paramedics were directed to stage at that location.
- A unit requested CNT.
- SCC acknowledged and advised SEB was monitoring and Aero was launching.
- Deputy Mendoza advised he saw Suspect Armendariz' front door open.
- SCC asked SEB if they were monitoring and responding.
- LASD Air 24 stated they were five minutes out.
- 140S directed a unit to block incoming/outgoing traffic into the mobile home park.
- Deputy Mendoza voiced "10-3."

  IAB Note: Department radio code 10-3 (Stop Transmitting) is used to advise units to stop transmitting radio traffic. It is used to stop non-emergent radio traffic transmitted by another unit.

- Deputy Mendoza advised several people, including [redacted] were exiting Suspect Armendariz' home with their hands up. He started voicing commands for them to "step out of the house."

0331 hours – Unknown unit advised six individuals were outside with their hands up, and deputy personnel were taking custody of Suspect Armendariz.

0332 hours – Unknown unit advised two detained and more to follow.
- Air 24 voiced they were three minutes out.
- More residents detained.
- Unknown unit advised Suspect Armendariz threw the gun out onto the porch.

0333 hours – An unknown unit advised two [redacted] were rescued

0334 hours – Air 24 arrived on scene and Deputy Mendoza pointed the target location.

- 140S instructed a field unit to setup the CP at Saint Martha's Church on Temple Avenue and Azusa Avenue.
- 291K3 stated they would run the CP.

0337 hours – Aero advised everyone was out and the suspect was detained.
- 140S stated field units would clear Suspect Armendariz' home because of the information they received regarding the GSVs.

0338-0339 hours – Units coordinated a plan and gathered a rescue team.

0341-0348 hours – A unit advised they were contacting the residents of mobile home #[redacted]

- Unit advised two elderly persons needed to be carried out of the home and requested additional personnel.
- Unit confirmed paramedics were staged at the CP.

0349 hours – 140S requested a van to transfer the elderly residents.

- 140S advised the team would switch to A-Tac 3 once the rescue team concluded their efforts. 140S advised Deputy Mendoza was at the location behind cover, but he needed to be removed from the location.

0358 hours – 140S asked the CP to confirm paramedics were staging as the rescue team was getting ready to clear Suspect Armendariz' home.

0401 hours – 140S advised that prior to making entry they would make additional announcements for anyone inside Suspect Armendariz' home to exit.

0404-0412 hours – 140S advised they were going to approach the location and the rescue team was going to exit out the front door.

0415 hours – The area was cleared and deemed safe. No one was located inside Suspect Armendariz' home. Field units switched to a tactical channel.

INDUSTRY STATION L-TAC

0314 hours – Busy tone.

0316 hours – Sergeant Macias (140S) asked dispatch personnel to contact SEB and K-9 and begin doing an identification workup on Ruben Armendariz.

0348 hours – Dispatch advised A-Tac 3 was available.

0412 hours – The CP advised Suspect Armendariz' home was being cleared.

0416 hours – CP advised the area was cleared and the situation was deemed safe.

TACTICAL CHANEL (A-TAC 3)

0416 hours – A-tac 3 was used by personnel running the CP to coordinate personnel and resources.

SURVIELLANCE VIDEO: [redacted]

IAB investigators reviewed the surveillance video footage associated with this incident, **[Exhibit I]**. The following is brief synopsis of the video footage captured by a surveillance camera located on the southeast corner of mobile home #[redacted]

IAB Note: The video surveillance (CAM02) footage provided was dated 09-08-2017. The duration of the video footage provided is approximately two hours, time stamped from 03:00:00 AM through 04:59:00 AM. It should be noted the video's timestamp does not match Deputy Mendoza's initial emergent radio broadcast time. It appears the time discrepancy is approximately 33 minutes. That is based on the fact that the video footage shows Deputies Mendoza and Boktor taking cover by their vehicle at approximately 0347 hours, compared to the initial emergent radio traffic broadcasted by Deputy Mendoza, at approximately 0314 hours.

03:41:50 AM – A Department patrol vehicle drove south into the camera's view. The vehicle continued out of the camera's view.

03:43:15 AM – A Department patrol vehicle entered the camera's view traveling north. The vehicle stopped directly in between mobile homes #[redacted] and #[redacted]

- Deputy Boktor exited the passenger door, followed by the driver of the vehicle, Deputy Mendoza. Both deputies walked toward Suspect Armendariz' mobile home.
- Flashlights are used to illuminate the northeast area of Suspect Armendariz' home. Deputies Mendoza and Boktor walked toward the porch and out of camera view.

03:47:07 AM – Deputies enter the camera view and ran away from Suspect Armendariz' carport. Deputy Boktor walked around the hood of the patrol vehicle, from the passenger side toward the driver side. He then returned to the passenger side, next to Deputy Mendoza.

- Deputy Boktor opened the front passenger door and retrieved the AR-15 rifle. Moments later, he hands the AR-15 rifle to Deputy Mendoza.

03:50:15 AM – Deputies move concurrently; Deputy Boktor moved toward the front of the vehicle and out of camera view. Deputy Mendoza moved away from the patrol vehicle, toward mobile home #[redacted] He took cover behind a vehicle parked in the carport. Deputy Mendoza pointed the AR-15 rifle in the direction of mobile home #[redacted]

- Deputy Boktor moved the patrol vehicle forward, north of mobile home #[redacted]
- Deputy Mendoza continued to point his weapon in the direction of mobile home #[redacted]

04:00:22 AM – Deputy Mendoza walked toward the front of the BMW, toward the front passenger door, reached up to break a street lamp. He walked back around and repositioned himself near the front passenger door of the BMW.

04:02:40 AM – A silhouette appeared on the upper middle side of the screen, followed by additional silhouettes, they walked toward the north, out of camera view.

- Two deputies appeared off of the lower left corner of the screen and join Deputy Mendoza by the BMW.
- Airship lights illuminate the area from above and remained overhead.

04:15:25 AM – A team of deputy personnel walked south, past mobile home #[redacted] and out of camera view.

04:46:50 AM – After the rescue team cleared mobile home #[redacted] Deputy Mendoza and two additional deputies walked out of the carport of mobile home #[redacted]

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.

> **IAB Note:** **It was discovered that incorrect case number, SH2435375, was initially used during this investigation. The recorded interviews of witnesses, involved personnel, as well as the related admonition forms, reflect this number. The correct case number, noted on all case documents is SH2435366.**

DEPUTY TIMOTHY E. BOKTOR

IAB Interview
On the night of this incident, Deputy Boktor was working with Deputy Joseph Mendoza, assigned to work unit 144F in the city of East Valinda. Deputy Boktor was the bookman. He had worked with Deputy Mendoza for approximately [redacted] as a patrol [redacted]. Deputy Mendoza was assigned as Deputy Boktor's [redacted] when Deputy Boktor transferred to Industry Station.

On September 8, 2018, at approximately 0233 hours, Deputy Boktor saw a call for service (IDT17251-0023) via his Mobile Digital Computer (MDC). The call directed Deputies Boktor and Mendoza to respond to [redacted] Temple Avenue, East Valinda, unit #[redacted] regarding a neighbor disturbance. The call indicated that "[redacted]" believed his neighbor was stealing plants from his home. Later, the call was updated to indicate that the neighbor may be from "Vagos." Before they arrived at the location, a message was sent to Deputies Mendoza and Boktor via their MDC indicating the informant may be mentally ill.

Deputy Boktor stated the call was dispatched as non-emergent or, "routine." Nothing in the call specifically concerned him. He was familiar with the trailer park and he was familiar with the area; however, he had not responded previously to any calls for service at Suspect Armendariz' home.

At approximately 0307 hours, Deputy Boktor indicated he and Deputy Mendoza arrived at the location. They drove south, past Suspect Armendariz' home. As they drove by, Deputy Boktor saw the inside of Suspect Armendariz' home was dark. The only light on was the porch light. Deputies Boktor and Mendoza continued driving past Suspect Armendariz' home and made a U-turn further up the street, at Calle Monte Verde. Deputies Mendoza and Boktor drove back north and parked on the south corner of space #[redacted] which was directly in front of Suspect Armendariz' home. Deputies Mendoza and Boktor exited their vehicle and walked to Suspect Armendariz' home. Deputy Boktor stated he walked up some stairs while Deputy Mendoza stayed in the carport area, approximately ten to fifteen feet from him.

Prior to knocking on the front door, Deputy Boktor bladed his body to wall east of the front door. Deputy Boktor knocked on the metal security door with his flashlight. There was no answer. Deputy Boktor knocked on the door a second time with his flashlight and yelled, "Sheriff's Department." Again, there was no answer. Deputy Boktor, used his flashlight to knock on the metal door, at which point he heard a voice from inside the home ask, "Who is it?" Deputy Boktor in a loud voice replied, "Sheriff's Department." No one opened the door. Deputy Boktor knocked on the door with his flashlight a fourth time and announced, "Sheriff's Department." Deputy Boktor pulled his arm away from the door and he heard a "loud bang."

Deputy Boktor stated he immediately recognized the sound as a gunshot. He felt his heart beating fast and said time seemed to slow down. When Deputy Boktor realized someone was shooting at him, he looked down to make sure he was not hit. He immediately remembered Deputy Mendoza told him that the mobile home walls were thin and his first instinct was to get away from where he was standing.

Deputy Boktor turned and ran east, away from the front door. As he ran, he went past the sliding glass door. He heard another "bang" and glass shattered behind him.

Deputy Boktor unholstered his Department issued handgun. He stated he did not see anything inside the home because it was completely dark and he was not able to identify a target. With his gun in hand, Deputy Boktor jumped down the stairs and took cover behind one of the vehicles parked in the carport. Deputy Boktor indicated, he made his way back to where Deputy Mendoza was taking cover. He crouched down, close to Deputy Mendoza, by the front passenger wheel well of a black Chevy compact vehicle. The black Chevy was parked in Suspect Armendariz' carport.

While taking cover behind the vehicle, Deputy Boktor heard a third gunshot. He heard the sound of a bullet ricochet somewhere close to him and Deputy Mendoza's position. Deputy Boktor continued to draw his weapon, as he looked to see if he could see the suspect. However, he was not able to see the person shooting at them.

From the front passenger wheel well, Deputies Mendoza and Boktor began tactically retreating to their patrol vehicle. Once they safely moved to their patrol vehicle,

Deputies Mendoza and Boktor took cover by the rear passenger wheel well. Deputy Boktor heard Deputy Mendoza transmit emergency radio traffic indicating they were being fired upon. He also heard Deputy Mendoza request additional units to their location.

Deputy Boktor stated he saw Deputy Mendoza facing the direction from where the shots were fired from. Deputy Boktor retrieved the Department issued AR-15 rifle from the security rack located in between the driver and passenger front seats. He handed the AR-15 rifle to Deputy Mendoza. Deputy Boktor stated he retrieved the AR-15 rifle because based on prior conversations between he and Deputy Mendoza, he thought having a long rifle was a better tool due to the distance in between them and Suspect Armendariz.

After Deputy Boktor gave the AR-15 rifle to Deputy Mendoza, he saw Deputy Mendoza stand up slightly behind him. As result, Deputy Boktor took Deputy Mendoza's position and drew down in the suspect's direction, as he continued looking for the threat. While taking cover behind the rear passenger wheel well, Deputy Boktor heard another gunshot from inside Suspect Armendariz' home. Shortly after, Deputy Boktor heard two "loud bangs." He realized Deputy Mendoza had fired two rounds from the AR-15 rifle.

Deputy Boktor heard Deputy Mendoza tell him, "Hey. Move the car up. Move the car up." Deputy Boktor saw Deputy Mendoza relocated across the street, behind a black vehicle parked in the carport of mobile home #[redacted]. Deputy Boktor stated he ran to the front of the patrol vehicle, out of the line fire, toward the driver's side and moved their patrol vehicle approximately three to four feet forward, closer to the carport of mobile home #[redacted]. After Deputy Boktor moved the patrol vehicle, he exited the driver's seat and ran back to take cover behind the rear passenger wheel well. Once there, Deputy Boktor realized he had moved the vehicle too far north, to the point where he no longer had sight of the sliding glass door or the front door of mobile home #[redacted] from the same position.

Deputy Boktor was crouched behind cover. He heard sirens nearing his location, and he heard two more gunshots from inside Suspect Armendariz' home. Deputy Boktor then heard one or two more gunshots fired from Deputy Mendoza's position. Shortly after assisting units arrived north of his location, Deputy Boktor heard deputies calling him, "Boktor. Come here. Come here." Deputy Boktor ran toward the deputies as he felt he was, "taken out of the shooting situation at that point."

As the situation continued, Deputy Boktor assisted with evacuations after Sergeant Macias formed a team to evacuate the residents who lived across from the suspect's home. Those residents were evacuated and taken to a safe location.

After he assisted with evacuations, Deputy Boktor took cover behind one of the vehicles north of the location. While taking cover, he heard deputy personnel making callouts for the residents of space #[redacted] to exit with their hands up. He also heard Deputy Mendoza broadcast over the radio that someone was exiting the location. Deputy Boktor saw

people walking out to the middle of the street. He then saw an older male Hispanic, wearing a white tank top, who said, "I'm sorry. I'm Ruben. I'm sorry." Deputy Boktor recognized his voice to be the same as the person who asked, "Who is it?" when he initially knocked on the door. Deputy Boktor stated Suspect Armendariz was taken into custody without further incident.

Everyone from inside the home exited. Sergeant Macias and a team of deputies cleared Suspect Armendariz' home. Deputy Boktor indicated that during the incident, Suspect Armendariz shot at him and Deputy Mendoza six times. Each shot was within minutes or seconds of each other. Deputy Boktor said he heard Deputy Mendoza yell numerous times, "Ruben. It's the Sheriff's Department. Ruben. It's the Sheriff's Department."

Deputy Boktor was not injured as a result of this incident.

> **IAB Note: During the first interview, IAB Investigators did not have an opportunity to show Deputy Boktor the surveillance video footage retrieved from mobile home #[redacted] For this reason, Deputy Boktor was interviewed a second time on July 25, 2018. Below is a synopsis of that interview.**

After viewing the video, Deputy Boktor recollected the same events as he described during his first IAB interview. IAB investigators asked Deputy Boktor to identify his position after he moved the patrol vehicle forward.

In response, Deputy Boktor stated that before he and Deputy Mendoza relocated, Deputy Mendoza was at the rear trunk of the patrol vehicle and he (Deputy Boktor) was closer to the front passenger side. Deputy Mendoza told Deputy Boktor he was going to move back and asked Deputy Boktor to move the patrol car "forward a little bit." As a result, Deputy Boktor ran around the front of the patrol vehicle, sat in the driver's seat and moved the patrol vehicle forward, to the north. Deputy Boktor saw Deputy Mendoza had already repositioned himself behind the BMW. Deputy Boktor exited the patrol vehicle and repositioned himself by the rear passenger wheel well.

Deputy Boktor stated he was momentarily able to see his silhouette on video in the beginning, when they first retreated to the patrol vehicle. After that, he was not able to identity his location while the video was playing.

DEPUTY BRIAN GORSKI

IAB Interview
On the night of this incident, Deputy Gorski was working unit 142K1, assigned to patrol the cities of West Valinda and Bassett. He had a civilian ride-along, Mr. [redacted] M/H adult with him. Mr. [redacted] concluded his ride-along participation early and left prior to Deputy Mendoza's shooting.

IAB Note: **The Department's Ride-Along Program is designed for Department employees and/or civilian persons who desire to gain a perspective of the day-to-day duties of sworn Department members. On September 19, 2017, Mr. [redacted] confirmed to the IAB investigator he went on a ride-along with Deputy Gorski; however, he left at 0230 hours, before the shooting occurred. Mr. [redacted] added he did not know anything about a shooting.**

Deputy Gorski responded to [redacted] Temple Avenue, East Valinda, after he heard emergent radio traffic from Deputy Mendoza indicating he was being shot at. While responding to the location, Deputy Gorski, heard Deputy Mendoza give a brief description of the mobile home park over the radio and he directed responding units to his location.

When Deputy Gorski arrived, he positioned his patrol vehicle north of the target location. He saw spotlights pointed toward Suspect Armendariz' home. Deputy Gorski proceeded to the back of his vehicle and accessed his emergency response gear because he believed he was responding to an active shooter situation. While putting on his emergency equipment, Deputy Gorki heard gunshots coming from Suspect Armendariz' home. Shortly after, he heard two additional gunshots. Deputy Gorski then heard Deputy Mendoza broadcast "998" over the radio.

Deputy Gorski said he heard an additional gunshot from Suspect Armendariz' home. The gunshot was followed by two additional gunshots, at which point deputy personnel evacuated mobile homes #[redacted], #[redacted] and #[redacted]. All evacuees were moved to a safe location. At some point, Deputy Gorski saw the occupants exit from Suspect Armendariz' home. He saw Suspect Armendariz and his [redacted] were directed north of the location. He did not see who took Suspect Armendariz and his [redacted] into custody. He said his attention remained directed toward the residence.

Once everyone was taken into custody, Deputy Gorski assisted with evacuating mobile home #[redacted], which was to the south of Suspect Armendariz' home. Once those residents were evacuated, the team proceeded to clear Suspect Armendariz' home and conducted a protective sweep. No one was located inside.

DEPUTY TIMMY J. NAKAMURA

IAB Interview

On the night of this incident, Deputy Nakamura was assigned to unit 142, along with Deputy Shawn Merrick. They were responsible for patrolling the areas of Bassett and West Valinda. Deputy Nakamura heard emergent radio traffic indicating deputies were being fired upon at [redacted] Temple Avenue, East Valinda.

When Deputy Nakamura and his partner arrived, they positioned themselves north of the target location. They saw Deputy Boktor transition from the passenger side of his

patrol vehicle to a patrol vehicle to the north of it, labeled "B" in the sketch of the crime scene **[Exhibit B]**.

Believing he was responding to an active shooter situation, Deputy Nakamura retrieved extra AR-15 rifle magazines from the trunk of his vehicle. He heard one to two rounds fired from Suspect Armendariz' residence. Deputy Nakamura saw Deputy Mendoza fire two rounds. Shortly after, Deputy Nakamura heard Deputy Mendoza broadcast over the radio that he fired two rounds. After the first exchange of gunfire between the Suspect and Deputy Mendoza, Deputy Nakamura attempted to take cover near Deputy Mendoza's position; however, he heard more gunshots. He saw Deputy Mendoza fire two more rounds and he heard Deputy Mendoza say he was firing through the window where the initial rounds were fired from.

When it was safe to do so, Deputy Nakamura positioned himself at an unoccupied mobile home, which was directly across from, or to the east of, Suspect Armendariz' home. He stated he had a clear view of Suspect Armendariz' front door.

Deputy Nakamura stated he did not hear any additional gunfire. He heard deputy personnel making callouts. Deputy Nakamura said he later saw Suspect Armendariz and his [redacted] exit their home. All of the occupants were called out to the north of him, past space #[redacted] out of his view. Deputy Nakamura said he did not see when they were taken into custody.

Once the situation became static, Deputy Nakamura joined Deputy Mendoza and he continued focusing on the target location. Deputy Nakamura maintained his position until Suspect Armendariz' home was cleared, by protective sweep, by other Department personnel.

DEPUTY SHAWN P. MERRICK

IAB Interview

On the night of this incident, Deputy Merrick worked unit 142F with Deputy Nakamura. They were responsible for patrolling the areas of Bassett and West Valinda. Deputy Merrick's account of the incident is similar to Deputy Nakamura's. He added that within a minute or less after they arrived at the scene, he heard a gunshot coming from Suspect Armendariz' home. He heard Deputy Mendoza fire two rounds. After a short lull, Deputy Merrick heard a second gunshot from Suspect Armendariz' home. He heard Deputy Mendoza fire two additional rounds. Approximately fifteen to thirty minutes later, the Suspect and his [redacted] exited the home.

After the [redacted] was taken into custody. Deputy Merrick assisted with evacuations. He was also part of the team that conducted a protective sweep of Suspect Armendariz' home.

DEPUTY JUSTIN BEEMAN

IAB Interview

The night of this incident, Deputy Beeman was working 143T2, assigned to patrol the City of La Puente. He responded to [redacted] Temple Avenue # [redacted] East Valinda, after he heard emergent radio traffic indicating deputies were being fired upon. Deputy Beeman said the address of the deputies' last known location showed on his MDC screen. He assisted with the coordination of the initial containment.

Deputy Beeman responded to the location and parked north of mobile home # [redacted] He heard Sergeant Macias ask who was AR-15 certified. Deputy Beeman said he was certified and he retrieved the AR-15 rifle from Sergeant Macias' vehicle. Deputy Beeman took cover behind the vehicle labeled B on the crime scene sketch provided by Scientific Services Bureau **[Exhibit B]**.

Deputy Beeman stated he was designated to keep a visual on the east side of Suspect Armendariz' home. He maintained his position until Suspect Armendariz and his [redacted] exited the home and surrendered to deputy personnel. He did not see who took Suspect Armendariz into custody as his attention was directed to the target location. Deputy Beeman stated he maintained his position until the situation was deemed safe. Deputy Beeman said it appeared to him that Suspect Armendariz did not know what was taking place and he made erratic movements. At one point, Suspect Armendariz reached toward his waistband.

Deputy Beeman stated there were no shots fired from the moment he arrived until Suspect Armendariz was safely taken into custody. After the incident was deemed safe, Deputy Beeman identified available surveillance video from the residents of mobile home # [redacted] **[Exhibit I]**.

> **IAB Note:** **The video surveillance was later recovered by Industry Station Detective [redacted], # [redacted]. For further see Detective [redacted] supplemental report, [Exhibit A].**

DEPUTY VINCENT BENAVIDES

IAB Interview

The night of this incident, Deputy Benavides worked 147B assigned to patrol the City of Hacienda Heights. He was partnered with Deputy Joseph Rivera, # [redacted]. He and his partner responded to the indicated location after he heard Deputy Mendoza broadcast over the radio he and his partner were being fired upon.

When Deputy Benavides and his partner arrived on scene, he parked his vehicle north of Deputy Mendoza's unit. He exited his vehicle and heard two gunshots fired from the front of Suspect Armendariz' home. Deputy Benavides saw Deputies Mendoza and Boktor taking cover behind the passenger side of the vehicle.

Deputy Benavides approached the deputies at the vehicle and he took a position behind the engine block. Deputy Benavides saw Deputy Mendoza run across Avenida De Flores, to a vehicle parked on the east side of the street, which is labeled E in the crime scene sketch **[Exhibit B]**.

Deputy Benavides directed his attention to the target location. He heard gunshots from Suspect Armendariz' location. Deputy Benavides saw the muzzle flash from Deputy Mendoza's AR-15 rifle, and he concurrently heard the sound of one or two gunshots fired. While deputies formulated a plan, Deputy Benavides heard Suspect Armendariz again fire one to two gunshots, at which time deputies tactically relocated and additional units arrived. At some point after additional units arrived, Deputy Benavides went around the mobile home and positioned himself by Deputy Mendoza. He did not hear any additional gunshots fired. When additional personnel arrived on scene, an arrest team was assembled and callouts were made. Deputy Benavides saw adjacent homes were evacuated by deputy personnel.

Sometime during callouts, Deputy Benavides saw Suspect Armendariz and his [redacted] exit their home. They were individually detained by deputy personnel, out of Deputy Benavides' sight. A team then conducted a protective sweep of Suspect Armendariz' home. Deputy Mendoza and Benavides maintained their tactical position until the situation was deemed safe.

DEPUTY JOSEPH G. RIVERA

IAB Interview
Deputy Rivera's account of the incident is similar to that of Deputy Benavides'. Deputy Rivera stated he and his partner, Deputy Benavides, were the first assisting unit on scene. Deputy Rivera said he saw Deputies Mendoza and Boktor taking cover next to their patrol vehicle. At some point, he saw Deputy Mendoza change positions from his patrol vehicle to a vehicle across from the suspect's location. Deputy Rivera said he also saw Deputy Boktor move away from his patrol vehicle, but he does not remember where he moved to.

Deputy Rivera stated he exited his vehicle and proceeded to the rear where he donned his tactical helmet. Deputy Rivera said he heard four gunshots fired from inside Suspect Armendariz' home. From his peripheral vison, Deputy Rivera saw a muzzle flash and he heard two to three gunshots fired from Deputy Mendoza's location.

Deputy Rivera later saw Suspect Armendariz and his [redacted] surrender to deputy personnel located to his north. Deputy Rivera did not observe when they were taken into custody.

DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER E. GAMBOA

IAB Interview

Deputy Gamboa was working 141T1, assigned to patrol the City of Industry. He responded to [redacted] Temple Avenue #[redacted] East Valinda, after he heard emergent radio traffic indicating deputies were being fired upon. When Deputy Gamboa arrived at the location, he saw Deputy Mendoza and Deputy Boktor. He saw Deputy Mendoza move to a vehicle parked in the carport of mobile home #[redacted] At that point, Deputy Boktor stayed with Deputy Gamboa behind a vehicle parked next to mobile home #[redacted]

While taking cover, Deputy Gamboa put on his ballistic helmet. He and additional deputies began to formulate a plan to evacuate residents from adjacent mobile homes. During that time, Deputy Gamboa heard two gunshots from the south of his location. Subsequently, he heard Deputy Mendoza broadcast over the radio that he had returned fire.

Deputy Gamboa assisted with evacuating all residents from mobile home #[redacted] and #[redacted] All occupants were transported away. Moments later, Deputy Gamboa saw Suspect Armendariz and his [redacted] were taken into custody without further incident.

Deputy Gamboa saw a deputy conduct a pat-down search of Suspect Armendariz for weapons. That deputy then handed Suspect Armendariz over to him. He took Suspect Armendariz into custody, handcuffed him and placed him in the back seat of a vehicle. Deputy Gamboa remained with Suspect Armendariz until the situation was deemed safe.

DEPUTY KRISTOPHER A. GRAHAM

IAB Interview

Deputy Graham was working 144F2 when he responded to the indicated location after hearing emergent radio traffic from Deputy Mendoza indicating he and his partner were being shot at.

Once he arrived on scene, Deputy Graham exited his patrol vehicle and heard two gunshots. He saw deputy personnel heading toward the sound of the gunshots and using vehicles as cover. Deputy Graham heard Sergeant Macias instruct deputy personnel to put on their ballistic helmet, which he did.

After some time, he saw Suspect Armendariz, two [redacted] two [redacted] and a second [redacted] exit the home. All of them were taken into custody without incident.

Deputy Graham said he heard information over the radio that someone was shot. As a result, Sergeant Macias formed a rescue team. Deputy Graham was part of the rescue team that conducted a protective sweep of Suspect Armendariz' home. The team approached the Suspect's home from the rear door. As the team was walking up the stairs, one of the stairs collapsed and Deputy Graham fell through the rotted wood.

Deputy Graham got up and held the rear entrance while the rest of the team cleared the inside of the home. Once the location was cleared, Deputy Graham exited through the front door and he saw a revolver laying on the ground. The weapon was located on the front porch, between the front door and a white refrigerator.

As a result of the fall, Deputy Graham sustained minor injuries. Deputy Graham later sought medical treatment for bruises and abrasions to his left arm and right wrist.

DEPUTY JUAN C. SEGURA CISNEROS

IAB Interview

Deputy Segura was working 141K2, in the City of Industry, when he responded to the indicated location after he heard Deputy Mendoza on the radio requesting assistance because he was being shot at.

When he arrived, Deputy Segura parked to the north of patrol vehicles which were already on scene. As he was putting on his tactical gear, he heard two gunshots from Suspect Armendariz' location.

Once Deputy Segura had his tactical gear on, he and a group of deputies assisted with evacuations. Later, he positioned himself between mobile home #[redacted] and #[redacted] He covered the west side in case the suspect attempted to flee the scene.

Deputy Segura added that Suspect Armendariz and his [redacted] exited their home and he did not see when they were taken into custody as he maintained his position. He was part of the rescue team and assisted with clearing Suspect Armendariz' home. Once the situation was deemed safe, he remained by the front door to keep a visual of the weapons located at the crime scene.

SERGEANT RUBEN E. MACIAS

IAB Interview

On the night of this incident Sergeant Macias worked unit 140S, the field sergeant. Prior to the deputy involved shooting, Sergeant Macias saw Deputies Mendoza and Boktor were dispatched to Suspect Armendariz' home regarding a "neighbor disturbance call." The initial call did not contain any information that was of concern.

Sergeant Macias said he was at the station when he heard the emergent radio traffic and he immediately responded to the location. When he arrived on scene, Sergeant Macias heard deputies calling out Suspect Armendariz in English and Spanish, directing the residents of space #[redacted] to exit the home with their hands up. Sergeant Macias heard Deputy Mendoza attempting to convince the Suspect(s) to exit the home.

Some of Sergeant Macias' primary concerns were the safety of the deputies and the public, and that the area was properly contained. He ensured deputies started evacuating nearby mobile homes that were in the immediate line of fire.

Sergeant Macias confirmed no one was injured, and he formulated a plan to safely continue evacuations. He delegated specific roles to team members, ensuring lethal and less lethal force options were available, if needed. Shortly after Sergeant Macias arrived on scene, Suspect Armendariz and his [redacted] exited their home. They were all cooperative and taken into custody without incident. Sergeant Macias said he did not hear any gunshots while he was at the scene.

DEPUTY JAQUELINE ORTIZ

IAB Interview

On the date of this incident, Deputy Ortiz was working 141K1, assigned to patrol the City of Industry. She responded to [redacted] Temple Avenue #[redacted] East Valinda, from the station after she heard emergent radio traffic stating deputies were being fired upon at the mobile home park.

Deputy Ortiz arrived on scene, exited her vehicle and put on her tactical helmet. While at the location, she heard a series of gunshots and she also heard Deputy Mendoza broadcast, "998," over the radio. Deputy Ortiz stated she could not determine the direction or the number of gunshots that were fired.

Once she had her helmet on, Deputy Ortiz assisted with evacuations. During the evacuation process, Suspect Armendariz and his [redacted] exited their home and surrendered to deputy personnel. Deputy Ortiz did not see when Suspect Armendariz was taken into custody.

LET CATHERINE WANG-GONZALES

IAB Interview

LET Wang-Gonzales was working dispatch on the night of this incident. She was assigned to the Complaint #1 position. She was responsible for answering routine and 9-1-1 telephone calls. On the night of the deputy-involved shooting, LET Wang-Gonzales spoke with Suspect Armendariz via the 9-1-1 line. He complained his neighbor stole plants around the mobile home park. Suspect Armendariz said his neighbor was outside his home and he was afraid of him. LET Wang-Gonzales asked Suspect Armendariz if, "he saw any weapons," and he said no. He further declined a police response. As a result, LET Wang-Gonzales did not generate a call for service.

LET Wang-Gonzales stated Suspect Armendariz called the station a second time, at which time she asked Suspect Armendariz if there was anyone else inside his home. She wanted to talk to someone else because Suspect Armendariz' statements led her to think he may be under the influence of alcohol, drugs; or possibly suffer from mental illness.

At some point, while speaking with Suspect Armendariz, he said the person who stole his plants "might have a gun." LET Wang-Gonzales asked Suspect Armendariz if he

saw a gun and Suspect Armendariz said no. Based on that information, LET Wang-Gonzales generated a 415N call for service.

IAB Note: 415N - (Disturbance-Neighbors): a radio code used to identify the type of call deputy personnel are responding to. 415N is for a Neighbor Disturbance call.

After speaking with Suspect Armendariz, LET Wang-Gonzales spoke with Witness [redacted]. It appeared to LET Wang-Gonzales that Witness [redacted] was providing information that Suspect Armendariz was relaying to her.

LET Wang-Gonzales said she continued to ask Witness [redacted] questions in an attempt to ascertain whether or not she was seeing the same thing as Suspect Armendariz. Based on the answers provided by Witness [redacted], LET Wang-Gonzales was not able to distinguish whether or not Witness [redacted] was answering questions based on her own observations, or based on what Suspect Armendariz was relaying to her at the time.

LET Wang-Gonzales stated she updated the dispatcher, Deputy Robert Turner, with information regarding the laser and other pertinent information regarding the call, including that she believed the callers were either mentally ill, or under the influence of a narcotic.

IAB Investigators asked LET Wang-Gonzalez regarding the number of times Witness [redacted] was placed on hold. She stated that she puts a caller on hold, or mutes the phone, when she shares information about the call with other dispatch personnel. LET Wang-Gonzales added when there is any update that needs to be made to a call for service, she updates the dispatcher and the dispatcher decides whether or not she should update the call or leave it, "as is," to allow deputies to figure things out when they arrive on scene.

LET Wang-Gonzales answered multiple 9-1-1 phone calls from Suspect Armendariz' home. During one of those calls, Suspect Armendariz told LET Wang-Gonzales there was someone at his window attempting to break into the home. LET Wang-Gonzales responded by telling him Deputies Mendoza and Boktor were on their way.

LET Wang-Gonzales informed IAB investigators she informed the dispatcher that someone was trying to break into Suspect Armendariz' home. LET Wang-Gonzales stated "they" told her (referring to dispatch personnel) Deputies Mendoza and Boktor were already on their way. LET Wang-Gonzales stated she did not update the call, nor did she hear anyone provide the deputies with the updated information over the radio.

LET Wang-Gonzales stated that she sent an MDC message to Deputies Mendoza and Boktor informing them Suspect Armendariz may be mentally ill.

IAB Note: **IAB investigators obtained a copy of the MDC message sent to Deputies Mendoza and Boktor indicating Suspect Armendariz may be mentally ill. On page 6 of the document titled J550, dated 7/3/18, a message was sent to unit 144F, which reads "Re 415N, Husband P/ Ding." The message was highlighted (Miscellaneous Documents).**

DEPUTY ROBERT C. TURNER

IAB Interview

Deputy Turner was working as the Station dispatcher. He was responsible for assigning calls for service to field units. On the day of the incident, LET Wang-Gonzalez generated a call for service to Suspect Armendariz' residence regarding a neighbor disturbance call. The Suspect requested deputies to respond to his home because someone was shining laser lights through his window.

Once Deputy Turner received the call on his screen, he assigned the call to Deputies Mendoza and Boktor. Deputy Turner was aware that Suspect Armendariz and Witness [redacted] had called the station multiple times prior to deputies arriving at his home. LET Wang-Gonzalez relayed information indicating Suspect Armendariz, "was kind of all over the place," with the information he was providing to LET Wang-Gonzales.

IAB Note: **The call was generated by LET Wang-Gonzales at 0232 hours. Deputy Turner assigned the call to Deputies Mendoza and Boktor at 0233 hours. For further, see the call for service (incident number IDT17251-0023) and related Incident Details [Exhibit B].**

While LET Wang-Gonzales was inquiring about what was going on at Suspect Armendariz' residence, Deputy Turner asked her to send Deputies Mendoza and Boktor a message advising them of Suspect Armendariz' "strange" behavior. Deputy Turner did not know whether or not LET Wang-Gonzales sent the information. Deputy Turner stated he did not voice any type of information regarding Suspect Armendariz' behavior over the radio.

At the time Deputy Turner heard emergent radio traffic, LET Wang-Gonzales and Deputy Eloise Mayo, [redacted] were inside the dispatch area. At some point during the emergent radio traffic, he heard LET Wang-Gonzales say Suspect Armendariz shot two people outside his home. Deputy Turner relayed that information to SCC so that they could notify the patrol units. He stated that minutes went by before they figured out that Suspect Armendariz was shooting at the deputies.

Deputy Turner stated that as soon as everyone in dispatch realized Suspect Armendariz was armed with a weapon, he and Deputy Mayo instructed LET Wang-Gonzalez to tell Suspect Armendariz to put the gun down and to throw it outside.

DEPUTY ELOISE MAYO

IAB Interview

IAB Note: **During the IAB interview, this investigator stated the day of the interview was May 17, 2017. The correct year should have been noted as 2018.**

As the watch deputy, Deputy Mayo is responsible for overseeing desk operations and ensuring calls for service are handled in a timely manner. Part of Deputy Mayo's responsibility is to also answer phone calls when other dispatch personnel are busy.

Deputy Mayo stated she knew Suspect Armendariz called the 9-1-1 line twice. During the first call, Suspect Armendariz complained about his neighbor stealing his plants and pointing lasers into his window. However, a call was not generated because Suspect Armendariz declined having deputies respond.

Suspect Armendariz called 9-1-1 again moments later and a call for service was generated. During the second call, Suspect Armendariz added the neighbor stealing his plants was a "Vago."

Deputy Mayo was aware Suspect Armendariz was sounding "paranoid" over the phone; however, she was not aware of anything of significance that would require the call for service be upgraded from routine to priority, and nothing indicated the call required an emergent response. The information provided by Suspect Armendariz indicating his neighbor was possibly a gang member was added to the call details, but no additional information was added or communicated to Deputies Mendoza and Boktor.

Deputy Mayo added that LET Wang-Gonzales said Suspect Armendariz was sounding "paranoid." However, none of the information provided by LET Wang-Gonzales gave her any indication that deputy personnel should be sent to the location right away. Deputy Mayo added that it was not necessarily like if somebody was "banging" on Suspect Armendariz' door. Also, she stated Suspect Armendariz did not say he saw anyone during the first 9-1-1 call.

IAB investigators asked Deputy Mayo if she was aware Suspect Armendariz called 9-1-1 to report a man was trying to get into his home. Deputy Mayo stated she was not aware of that information. LET Wang-Gonzales did not relay that information to her at any time.

IAB Note: **During the second call, Suspect Armendariz said to LET Wang-Gonzales, "He is trying to get in the house. Is almost in the house."**

Deputy Mayo said she was aware that it took a while for Deputies Mendoza and Boktor to arrive at Suspect Armendariz' home; however, there was no information provided to her that lead her to believe the call should have been handled sooner. She did not feel

there was a need to send a unit sooner because it was a busy Friday night. She reiterated the call was not a priority, especially because Suspect Armendariz did not say he saw anyone on his property at the time of the call. When Deputy Mendoza transmitted emergent radio traffic, Deputy Mayo heard LET Wang-Gonzales tell Witness [redacted] the deputies were at her home.

DEPUTY ERNEST MAGANA

IAB Interview

Deputy Magana worked 147B2, with Deputy Richard Bray, #[redacted]. They were responsible for patrolling the City of Hacienda Heights.

Deputy Magana and Deputy Bray responded to [redacted] Temple Avenue, East Valinda, after he heard an emergency radio broadcast by Deputy Mendoza that he was being shot at. When Deputy Magana and Deputy Bray arrived at the mobile home park, they responded via Calle Monte Verde and took a containment spot southeast of Suspect Armendariz' home.

> **IAB Note: Calle Monte Verde is to the east and runs parallel to Avenida De flores. At the southeast end of the apartment complex, the two streets merge [refer to photo, Exhibit G].**

Deputy Magana took cover behind his vehicle and put on his tactical gear, at which time he heard approximately four to five gunshots. Deputy Magana heard two to three gunshots. There was a short pause and then two more gunshots. Deputy Magana stated he was not able to distinguish where the gunshots were being fired from and he did not know Suspect Armendariz' location.

Due to the area where Deputy Magana and his partner positioned themselves, Deputy Magana did not know Deputies Mendoza or Boktor's locations. His view of the area to the north of was obstructed by a large metal container located in between mobile home #[redacted] and Deputy Magana's containment position.

From his position, Deputy Magana had a clear view of east wall of Suspect Armendariz' home, on Avenida De Flores. At some point, Deputy Magana saw a group of people exit Suspect the home; however, he did not see when they were taken into custody because of his obstructed view. Deputy Magana assisted further as part of the team that conducted a protective sweep of Suspect Armendariz' home.

DEPUTY RICHARD BRAY

IAB Interview

Deputy Bray was working 147B1, with Deputy Magana. They were responsible for patrolling the City of Hacienda Heights. Deputy Bray, who was the driver, responded from the south side. He took a containment spot to the rear of the target location.

Deputy Bray's recollection of the events that led him and his partner to the mobile home park are similar to those described by Deputy Magana. He added that he armed himself with his Department issued AR-15 rifle.

Once he took a position to the south of Suspect Armendariz' home, Deputy Bray heard multiple gunshots that appeared to be those of a "large caliber weapon." In between the sound of gunshots, Deputy Bray heard Deputy Mendoza say deputies were being fired upon, followed by Deputy Mendoza broadcasting over the radio that he was going to return fire.

Deputy Bray stated he did not have a visual of Deputy Mendoza because a mobile home north of him was obstructing his view. Deputy Bray saw when Suspect Armendariz and his [redacted] exited their home. Deputy Bray did not see anything after everyone began walking north toward the deputies north of his containment position.

Deputy Bray added that while Deputy Magana assisted with the protective sweep, he stayed behind and maintained his position.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE

DEPUTY JOSEPH MENDOZA

IAB Interview

On September 8, 2017, Deputy Mendoza was working with Deputy Boktor, unit 144F, in the City of East Valinda. He was the driver. Deputies Mendoza and Boktor had worked together for approximately two and a half months. Deputy Mendoza was Deputy Boktor's [redacted]

On the night of this incident, Deputy Mendoza and Deputy Boktor were assigned a neighbor disturbance call for service. The call indicated a neighbor stole plants earlier in the day, and the caller was seeing laser lights in his bedroom and living room.

When Deputies Mendoza and Boktor arrived on scene, they stopped at the guard shack, right before entering the mobile home park. Deputy Mendoza asked the security guard whether he knew of any incidents involving the residents in mobile home #[redacted] and #[redacted]. The security guard said he was not aware of any problems, and added that "[redacted]" and his [redacted] lived in mobile home #[redacted]. The security guard provided Deputy Mendoza a map of the mobile home park and directed him to Suspect Armendariz' home.

From the guard shack, Deputy Mendoza proceeded South on Avenida De Flores. Deputy Mendoza saw he was approaching mobile home #[redacted] and he slowed down to visually inspect the outside of the home. He was looking for any concerning activity, including "Vagos" insignia.

Deputy Mendoza continued to drive south, in search of any person matching the description of the man provided in the call. Deputy Mendoza saw Suspect Armendariz' porch light was on. None of his property appeared to have been disturbed.

Based on his initial observations, Deputy Mendoza continued to drive past Suspect Armendariz' home and rounded the corner where Avenida de Flores turned into Calle Monte Verde. Deputy Mendoza continued driving and made a U-turn up the street on Calle Monte Verde.

Deputy Mendoza explained that his reason for driving past Suspect Armendariz home was twofold. To be able to find his way out in case they had to tactically retreat. Also, because doing so would allow him to look for any suspicious individuals in connection with the call for service.

After Deputy Mendoza made a U-turn, he drove back on Calle Monte Verde onto north Avenida De Flores. Deputy Mendoza drove slightly past space #[redacted] and parked his patrol vehicle next to the south corner of space #[redacted] He opted to park in that area in case he and Deputy Boktor had to tactically retreat. He felt mobile home #[redacted] provided them some type of cover/concealment as they exited their vehicle and approached Suspect Armendariz' home.

As Deputies Mendoza and Boktor walked toward Suspect Armendariz' home, Deputy Mendoza tactically positioned himself between the vehicles parked in Suspect Armendariz' carport, and he remained approximately fifteen to twenty feet away from Deputy Boktor. Deputy Mendoza saw Deputy Boktor walk up a small set of stairs that lead to the front porch. He saw Deputy Boktor knock on the door and announce, "Sheriff's Department." While Deputy Boktor knocked on the door, Deputy Mendoza utilized his flashlight to illuminate Suspect Armendariz' home glass door and windows, looking for movement inside.

Deputy Mendoza said he saw Deputy Boktor knock on the door a second time, and he heard someone from inside the mobile home ask, "Who is it?" Deputy Mendoza also heard a dog bark from inside. Deputy Mendoza heard Deputy Boktor reply with a loud voice, "Sheriff's Department." Deputy Mendoza then heard the sound of footsteps which seemed to move from the front door to the middle area of the solid wall, east of the sliding glass door, and then back to the front door. Deputy Mendoza repositioned himself behind the engine block of a large SUV, parked in Suspect Armendariz' carport.

Since no one answered the door, Deputy Mendoza instructed Deputy Boktor to knock on the door one last time before they left the location. Deputy Mendoza saw Deputy Boktor knock on the door. As soon as Deputy Boktor pulled his arm back, Deputy Mendoza heard a bang and saw a plume of smoke come out of the front door. Deputy Boktor looked at Deputy Mendoza and said, "They are shooting at us!" Deputy Mendoza called Deputy Boktor over toward him.

As Deputy Boktor made his way down the stairs, Deputy Mendoza heard a second gunshot and the sound of shattering glass. It appeared to Deputy Mendoza that Suspect Armendariz was tracking Deputy Boktor's movement as a target. Deputy Mendoza did not see where the Suspect was shooting from.

Utilizing the parked vehicles as cover, Deputies Mendoza and Boktor tactically retreated to their patrol vehicle. Once they made it back to their patrol vehicle, Deputy Mendoza took cover behind the patrol vehicle's rear passenger wheel well, near the trunk. Deputy Mendoza continued looking in the direction of where he last heard the gunshots and he transmitted an emergent radio broadcast to alert assisting units he and his partner were being shot at **[Exhibit H]**.

Deputy Boktor, who was to the right of Deputy Mendoza, gave Deputy Mendoza his Department issued AR-15 rifle. While keeping a visual of Suspect Armendariz' home, Deputy Mendoza saw a muzzle flash and heard two more gunshots fired from Suspect Armendariz' home. Believing he and Deputy Boktor were now Suspect Armendariz' target and fearing for his and his partner's safety, Deputy Mendoza fired one round, from his Department issued AR-15 rifle. Deputy Mendoza stated he fired in the direction he saw the muzzle flash, which was directly behind the sliding glass door. Deputy Mendoza explained that he believed the suspect shooting at him and his partner was directly behind the muzzle flash.

The suspect temporarily stopped shooting, at which point Deputy Mendoza repositioned himself across the street, and he took cover behind a black BMW parked in the carport of mobile home #[redacted]. Concerned for Deputy Boktor's safety, Deputy Mendoza directed Deputy Boktor to take cover by the engine block of their patrol vehicle, away from the line of fire. He then saw Deputy Boktor move the patrol vehicle forward.

Deputy Mendoza stated he attempted to deescalate the situation by yelling commands at Suspect Armendariz to surrender and to come out with his hands up. At some point while he was giving commands, Deputy Mendoza heard the dispatcher say they had two gunshot victims (GSVs) outside of Suspect Armendariz' home. Deputy Mendoza who was facing Suspect Armendariz' home, did not see any victims.

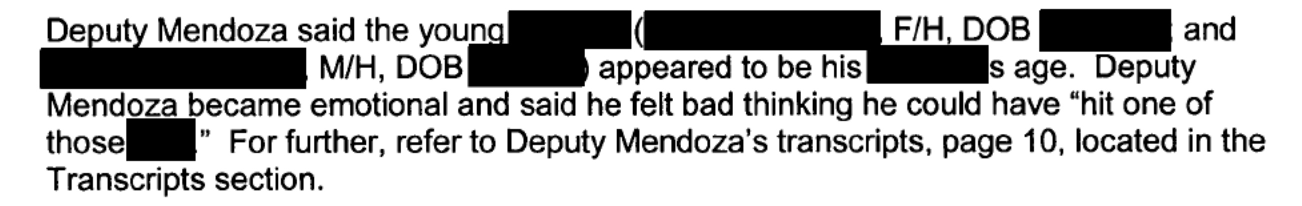
Moments later, while Deputy Mendoza was taking cover by the BMW's rear driver's side door, Deputy Mendoza heard two more gunshots and he saw the muzzle flash behind Suspect Armendariz' sliding glass door. Believing he was now Suspect Armendariz' target, Deputy Mendoza feared for his safety and the public's safety, and fired two rounds in the direction where he saw the muzzle flash.

Deputy Mendoza stated he fired in that direction because he knew the threat was behind the muzzle flash. He wanted to stop the threat not only for his safety but also for the safety of all the nearby residents in harm's way.

At some point, Deputy Mendoza realized he was being illuminated by a streetlight that was across from him, located by the rear passenger side of the BMW. In order to

conceal his location, Deputy Mendoza walked over and broke the light with his collapsible baton. Deputy Mendoza then walked back over to the driver's side of the BMW.

Deputy Mendoza saw Suspect Armendariz' front security door open for a brief moment. Behind the security door Deputy Mendoza saw a tall shadow. The shadow quickly moved back inside. Deputy Mendoza continued to conduct callouts and a short time later, the door opened again. Deputy Mendoza saw Suspect Armendariz step out with his hands up. Suspect Armendariz did not have anything in his hands. He was followed by Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] and two younger [redacted].



Deputy Mendoza said the young [redacted] ([redacted], F/H, DOB [redacted] and [redacted], M/H, DOB [redacted]) appeared to be his [redacted]s age. Deputy Mendoza became emotional and said he felt bad thinking he could have "hit one of those [redacted]." For further, refer to Deputy Mendoza's transcripts, page 10, located in the Transcripts section.

Deputy Mendoza stated he did not see when Suspect Armendariz and his [redacted] were taken into custody. He maintained his position behind the BMW until the rescue team cleared Suspect Armendariz' home. The team confirmed there were no gunshot victims inside Suspect Armendariz' home and the situation was deemed safe.

Deputy Mendoza informed IAB investigators that although he had responded to calls for service at the mobile home park in the past, he was not familiar with the residents of mobile home #[redacted]. Deputy Mendoza also stated that prior to arriving at Suspect Armendariz' home, he and Deputy Boktor received an MDC message indicating Suspect Armendariz may be mentally ill because he kept calling the station.

Deputy Mendoza added that the information provided within the message did not raise any concerns. He stated that it is very common for law enforcement to come in contact with mentally ill individuals, or people who are under the influence of some sort of drug. For further see Deputy Mendoza's transcripts, page 12.

Deputy Mendoza stated that based on the information he and Deputy Boktor received, he did not feel there was any sense of urgency to arrive promptly at the location. The call appeared to be a disturbance call, which required no immediate/urgent response.

While on duty, Deputy Mendoza carries a Department approved .45 caliber Heckler & Koch USP handgun. He explained that rather than firing his handgun, he opted to shoot the AR-15 rifle, which is designed for the fired round to lose energy after hitting a second sheet of dry wall. Furthermore, Deputy Mendoza explained the AR-15 rifle provides more ammunition as the magazine holds 28 rounds, compared to his handgun, which holds 12 rounds. Therefore, Deputy Mendoza said he felt using the AR-15 rifle was a better option under the circumstances.

Deputy Mendoza informed IAB investigators that at the time of the shooting, he believed his backdrop was "Industry Hills." Deputy Mendoza was referring to the Industry Hills Expo Center located at 16200 Temple Avenue, City of Industry, which is a 125-acre event venue. The Covina Hills Manufactured Home Community is located on the southeast corner of Azusa Avenue and Temple Avenue. Refer to the Google Maps aerial photo provided with this case, **[Exhibit G]**.

IAB Note: **During the first interview, IAB Investigators did not have an opportunity to show Deputy Mendoza the video footage retrieved from mobile home #[redacted]. For this reason, on July 25, 2018, a second interview was conducted.**

After watching the video surveillance footage, Deputy Mendoza said he thought the sequence in which the events took place happened "a lot quicker."

During Deputy Mendoza's first interview with IAB investigators, he stated he was not sure if the patrol vehicle lights were off when he approached Suspect Armendariz location. For Further see page 13 of Deputy Mendoza's first interview located in the Transcripts section. Deputy Mendoza said that after watching the surveillance video footage, it appeared as if his patrol vehicle lights may have been on. Furthermore, Deputy Mendoza added that he was not sure whether Suspect Armendariz shot at him before or after he broke the street light south of the BMW. Deputy Mendoza added that he thought he broke the light sooner than what the video footage depicted. For further, see Deputy Mendoza's second interview transcripts, page 7, located in the Transcripts section.

IAB investigators asked Deputy Mendoza about the location where he first saw the muzzle flash, while taking cover behind his patrol vehicle. Deputy Mendoza stated he saw the muzzle flash was closest to the west side of the sliding glass door.

Deputy Mendoza stated that the day of the shooting, he was under the impression the sliding glass door was a window. After the incident was deemed safe, he realized Suspect Armendariz shot from a sliding glass door, and not a window. The reason Deputy Mendoza thought it was a window was because the door was partially blocked by the vehicles parked in Suspect Armendariz' carport. Deputy Mendoza stated nothing obstructed his view of observing the muzzle flash from the Suspect Armendariz' weapon.

NON-EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:

[redacted]

IAB Interview

Witness [redacted] said she and Suspect Armendariz were lying in bed, when Suspect Armendariz told her, he was seeing lasers. Witness [redacted] said she saw green and pink laser lights on her bedroom ceiling, which were coming from the window. She

said Suspect Armendariz thought it was the laser of a gun. She saw Suspect Armendariz retrieve his handgun from underneath his bed.

Witness [redacted] said the officers took a while to respond to her home as she called 9-1-1 to report that someone was trying to get into her home. She said the 9-1-1 operator kept asking questions as she and Suspect Armendariz continued to request officers respond. According to Witness [redacted] she and her [redacted] made multiple phone calls to 9-1-1 and the 9-1-1 operator continuously told them "a deputy is on his way." During one of the 9-1-1 calls, they were on the phone talking to the 9-1-1 operator for approximately 45 minutes.

Witness [redacted] said they heard pounding on the door. She and her [redacted] went to the front door thinking it was the police. Suspect Armendariz was going to open the door. She told Suspect Armendariz not to open the door because they did not know who it was. Witness [redacted] said she told Suspect Armendariz that if it was the police, they would say, "Police." When Suspect Armendariz got close to their front door, he looked through the door's glass window and told her, "Run. He has a mask on." Witness [redacted] ran and hid. She called 9-1-1 and stayed on the phone with the 9-1-1 operator. She saw Suspect Armendariz ran to his bedroom to retrieve his handgun because someone was trying to get into their home.

After Suspect Armendariz retrieved his gun, he crawled to the living/dining room and stayed lying on the floor in front of the sliding glass door. Witness [redacted] heard Suspect Armendariz say, "You better move!" Suspect Armendariz then fired his weapon.

Suspect Armendariz continued to shoot and then gunshots started coming in their direction. When Suspect Armendariz ran out of bullets, he ran to the gun safe, located in the bathroom, and he retrieved a rifle and two bats. Once he retrieved his rifle, Witness [redacted] heard the police announcements calling, "Ruben. Ruben." They were giving directions to throw the gun out and to exit with their hands up.

Witness [redacted] said everyone in the home exited. Deputy personnel directed Suspect Armendariz to a location where, "they threw him on the floor with his hands behind his back." Witness [redacted] said once her [redacted] was handcuffed, everyone else was handcuffed, including the [redacted]

IAB investigators asked Witness [redacted] why her [redacted] shot. She said that it was because her home was being, "broken into," and Suspect Armendariz was trying to protect his [redacted] Witness [redacted] denied hearing an announcement, such as "police," or "sheriff." She believed Suspect Armendariz shot two times. Witness [redacted] said she takes anxiety and pain medication for knee and back pain. She denied Suspect Armendariz takes any medication for mental illness. Witness [redacted] said Suspect Armendariz takes medication to manage his insulin dependency. Suspect Armendariz takes other medication for high blood pressure and other physical ailments.

According to Witness [redacted] the last time Suspect Armendariz drank alcohol was four days prior to this incident. Neither she, nor Suspect Armendariz consume any type of illegal drugs. Toward the end of the interview, Witness [redacted] said officers did not fire into her home.

IAB Note: **The day of her interview with IAB investigators, Witness [redacted] informed them a deputy "threw" Suspect Armendariz, but she was not able provide further information.**

Through the course of this investigation, IAB investigators were not able to find any evidence to support Witness [redacted] claim. Furthermore, Suspect Armendariz did not make a similar claim during his IAB interview.

WITNESS [redacted]

IAB Interview

Witness [redacted] said she was asleep and was woken up by a "banging" on the front door, followed by running inside the home. Initially, she thought Suspect Armendariz forgot his keys and was trying to get someone to open the door for him. She woke up her [redacted], Witness [redacted] and told him someone was outside knocking on the door. Shortly after she heard the noise outside, she heard the sound of someone running, followed by two gunshots. Concurrently, she heard Suspect Armendariz say something like, "gunfire," or "gunshot." As a result, Witness [redacted], Witness [redacted] and their two [redacted] dropped down to the ground.

After the initial gunshots, Witness [redacted] heard additional gunshots and then heard someone calling out, "[redacted]" for approximately five minutes. She and her [redacted] began dialing 9-1-1. She was able to give the 9-1-1 operator her address. The 9-1-1 operator and her [redacted] told her they needed to exit the residence.

Ten to twenty minutes later, after Witness [redacted] was woken up, she and everyone inside the home exited. They were later transported to the Sheriff's station. Witness [redacted] said she did not see any guns laying around. Witness [redacted] stated she saw lights flashing in her bedroom but the lights she saw were after she heard someone outside calling out, "[redacted]"

WITNESS [redacted]

IAB Interview

Witness [redacted] said he was awakend by a loud noise. He did not know what it was until he heard it a second time. Witness [redacted] recognized the noise was a gunshot. He then heard his [redacted] say that someone with masks was trying to break into the home. Witness [redacted]s first instinct was to protect his [redacted], and he told this [redacted] to get down on the ground. He added he heard a total of three gunshots.

Witness [redacted] said he knew Suspect Armendariz was shooting because he heard the shots from inside the residence. He called 9-1-1 multiple times because he wanted to let officers know there were [redacted] inside the home.

At some point he heard someone telling them to exit with their hands up and they followed those instructions. Upon exiting the residence, he saw a lot of bright lights. He said it was hard for him to see anything else.

SUSPECT RUBEN R. ARMENDARIZ

Industry Station Detectives Interview

On September 8, 2017, at approximately 1655 hours, Suspect Armendariz was interviewed by Industry Station Detectives [redacted] and [redacted]. The interview was audio and video recorded, for further refer to **[EXHIBIT J]**. For Detective [redacted]s summarized interview refer to **[Exhibit A]**. Detective [redacted]s transcribed interview of Suspect Armendariz can be located in the Transcripts section.

IAB Interview

On the night of this incident, Suspect Armendariz woke up early in the morning because he was feeling restless. When he woke up, he went to the bathroom. From his bathroom window, he saw a man stealing his plants.

At approximately 0100 or 0200 hours, he started hearing, "dead music." Suspect Armendariz said he also heard a man outside his who kept turning the water on at the side of the mobile home. Suspect Armendariz said he believed the man wanted to lure him out of his home. Suspect Armendariz said he did not go outside because he started seeing lasers in the back window of his bedroom and all around his home.

Suspect Armendariz and Witness [redacted] became concerned and called 9-1-1. Suspect Armendariz said he told the 9-1-1 operator the suspects had guns with lasers. He added that he was "hysterical" and shaking to the point he could not hold the phone.

The first time, the 9-1-1 operator told him she would send someone over to his home. Officers did not respond and Suspect Armendariz called 9-1-1 a second time. Suspect Armendariz stated that after the second call, a patrol car responded and instead of exiting the vehicle to investigate the situation, deputies shined the "spotlight" and left because they did not see anyone outside.

Suspect Armendariz stated that after the officers drove away, three men outside his home started getting more aggressive by banging on the windows in an attempt to break them. He told the men to "back off." They did not leave and he shot at them. Suspect Armendariz said his intention was to shoot the "guy who instigated the whole thing." Suspect Armendariz said the men trying to break into his home had masks and had lights on their foreheads.

Suspect Armendariz said he called 9-1-1 a third time and told the 9-1-1 operator, "You guys need to come down here." Suspect Armendariz said, "Things could have been

prevented if they would have come down the first time." This was in reference to the deputies' response. Suspect Armendariz said one of the men he shot was able to breach his front door and made it inside his home. He saw the man bleeding as he opened the door and he allowed a second man into his home. According to Suspect Armendariz, the man who instigated everything left when the police arrived on scene.

Suspect Armendariz said he shot his weapon six times. The first time he shot toward the front door. The second time he shot toward the sliding glass door and hit the man standing near it. Suspect Armendariz said he heard the man groan. He then shot a third and fourth time at the sliding glass door. He said he shot two additional times, but the sixth shot was accidental. Suspect Armendariz said his target was the man parked on the side of trailer home #[redacted].

Suspect Armendariz added that he did not intend to shoot the sixth time because that is when he realized deputies had arrived on scene. He said he would never intentionally shoot at deputies.

Once Suspect Armendariz realized he was out of ammunition, he ran to the bathroom, opened the safe and took out the barrel of his shotgun to hit the suspects who broke into his home. Suspect Armendariz last saw the men run into his [redacted] bedroom. Suspect Armendariz said that at that point, he and his [redacted] ran outside and were taken into custody by deputy personnel. Suspect Armendariz said after he shot the first time, he yelled, "Shots fire, shots fire." That is when the 9-1-1 operator sent deputies to his home.

IAB investigators asked Suspect Armendariz if he was under the care of a doctor for mental illness. He said no. He said he takes vitamins, several medications, including insulin and others for high blood pressure. Suspect Armendariz also uses medication for psoriasis. He stated he does not consume illegal drugs.

During his interview with Detectives [redacted] and [redacted], Suspect Armendariz said he had not consumed any alcohol for approximately one month. During the IAB interview, Suspect Armendariz said he consumes "a couple of shots" of whiskey per day. He said he had three shots around 1700 or 1800 hours. Suspect Armendariz later said he was not sure if he consumed any alcohol because he has a drinking problem and he has been trying to quit.

Suspect Armendariz said his revolver was unloaded under his bed. The night of the incident he went to his bedroom to retrieve his revolver and loaded it with six bullets. Suspect Armendariz said neither he, nor his [redacted] were physically injured during the incident, but said they were "mentally injured" because they were not expecting what happened.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

When IAB investigators responded to the scene on the date of the incident, they saw three surveillance video cameras mounted on the residence at [redacted].

#[redacted] The cameras were pointing toward the southwest corner of the home. One of the cameras was located on the upper northwest corner of mobile home #[redacted] The second camera was located in the southeast corner of the same location. The third camera was located on southwest corner of the mobile home. Industry Station personnel retrieved video footage from the camera located on the southeast corner, camera #2 (CAM 02), **[Exhibit I]**.

IAB Note: **Industry Station Detective [redacted] indicated only camera #2 was deemed operational when retrieved during the course of his investigation.**

On June 26, 2018, IAB investigators attempted to contact the residents of mobile home #[redacted] to confirm the additional surveillance cameras were inoperable; however, no one was home. A business card was left, attached to the front door. As of July 29, 2018, no one from that residence has contacted IAB investigators.

A total of four adults and two [redacted] resided at [redacted] Temple Avenue, #[redacted] East Valinda. The four adults, including Suspect Armendariz, were interviewed by IAB Investigators. The two [redacted] were not interviewed by IAB Investigators because of their young age.

The following individuals were interviewed by Industry Station personnel:

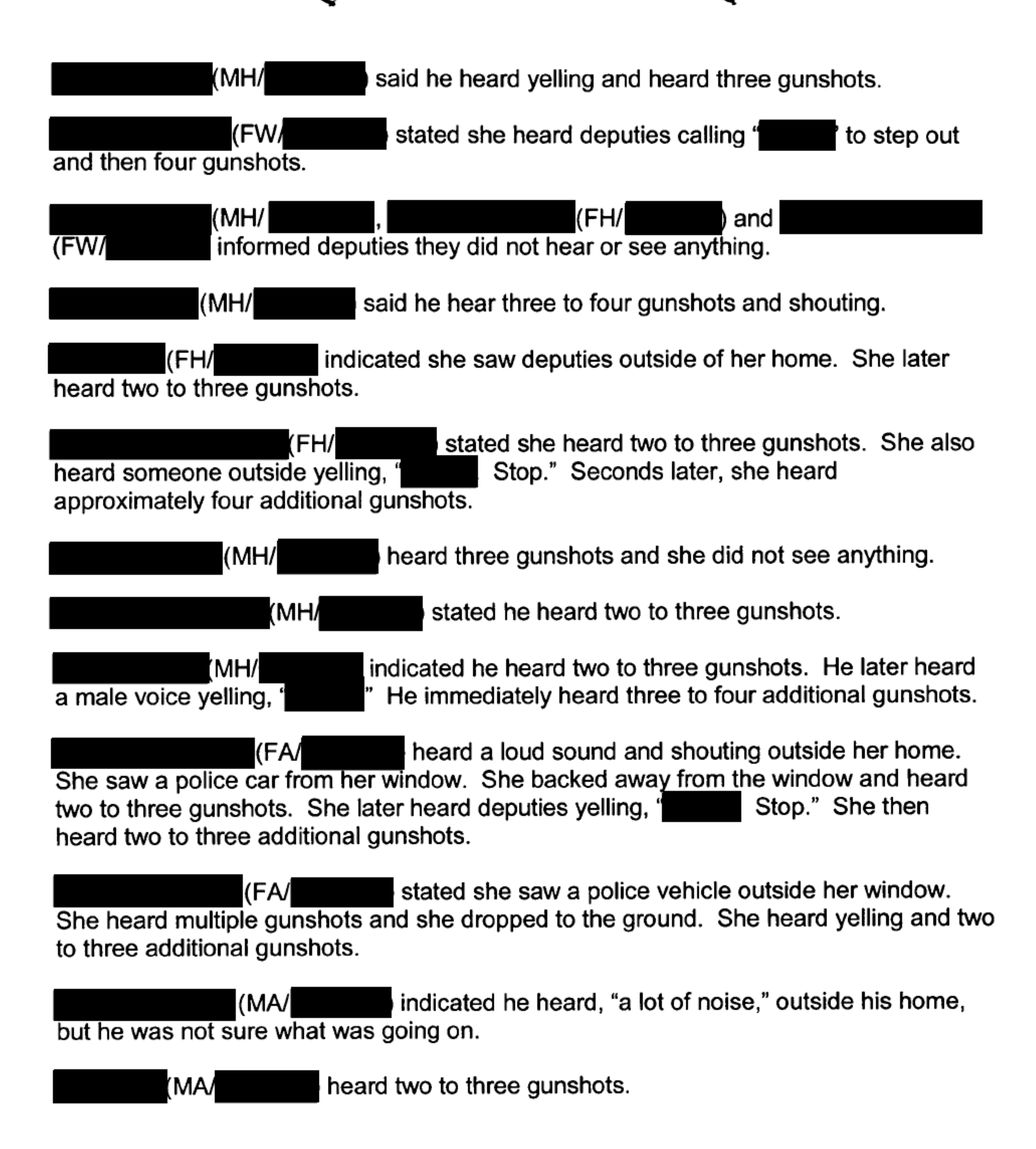
IAB Note: **For a complete description of the statements made by the below individuals, including their locations at the time of the incident, refer to the supplemental reports attached to the original police report under URN #017-11113-1442-055 [Exhibit A].**

[redacted] (MH/[redacted] said he heard three gunshots, but he did not see anything.

[redacted] (FH/[redacted] stated she heard six gunshots. She looked outside her window, facing mobile home #[redacted] and she heard and saw deputy personnel calling "[redacted]"

[redacted] (MH/[redacted] stated he heard three gunshots, he but did not see anything.

[redacted] (FH/[redacted] said she heard yelling outside. She looked outside her window and saw a deputy with an assault rifle leaning on the roof of her black BMW. The deputy was pointing the rifle toward mobile home #[redacted] She became scared and ran away from the window. She then heard three gunshots.



[redacted](MH/[redacted]) said he heard yelling and heard three gunshots.

[redacted](FW/[redacted]) stated she heard deputies calling "[redacted]" to step out and then four gunshots.

[redacted](MH/[redacted]), [redacted](FH/[redacted]) and [redacted] (FW/[redacted]) informed deputies they did not hear or see anything.

[redacted](MH/[redacted]) said he hear three to four gunshots and shouting.

[redacted](FH/[redacted]) indicated she saw deputies outside of her home. She later heard two to three gunshots.

[redacted](FH/[redacted]) stated she heard two to three gunshots. She also heard someone outside yelling, "[redacted] Stop." Seconds later, she heard approximately four additional gunshots.

[redacted](MH/[redacted]) heard three gunshots and she did not see anything.

[redacted](MH/[redacted]) stated he heard two to three gunshots.

[redacted](MH/[redacted]) indicated he heard two to three gunshots. He later heard a male voice yelling, "[redacted]" He immediately heard three to four additional gunshots.

[redacted](FA/[redacted]) heard a loud sound and shouting outside her home. She saw a police car from her window. She backed away from the window and heard two to three gunshots. She later heard deputies yelling, "[redacted] Stop." She then heard two to three additional gunshots.

[redacted](FA/[redacted]) stated she saw a police vehicle outside her window. She heard multiple gunshots and she dropped to the ground. She heard yelling and two to three additional gunshots.

[redacted](MA/[redacted]) indicated he heard, "a lot of noise," outside his home, but he was not sure what was going on.

[redacted](MA/[redacted]) heard two to three gunshots.